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Drew Muller with two doormat fluke taken during the annual late summer run of fish at Montauk. These fish were taken on live snappers fished at the North Rips, but other spots on the south shore are also productive—in particular, Shinnecock, Moriches, Fire Island and Jones Inlet.

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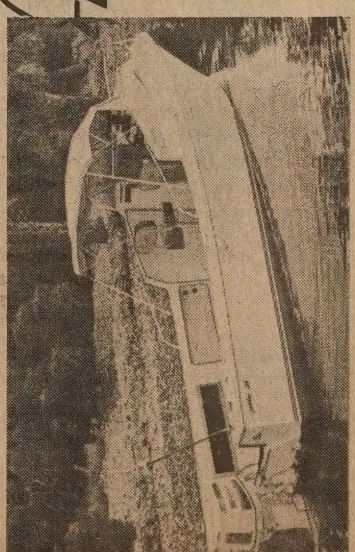

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★ EDITORIAL ★

GOV. CAREY LIED ABOUT NOMINEES

In last weeks issue we made a brief announcement to the effect that Secretary of Commerce Kreps had refused to appoint a recreational sportfishing representative to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Fishery Council, but chose rather to reappoint Nancy Goell. An apology of sorts is in order, because upon investigation it appears that the fault lies rather with our own wonderful governor, Hugh Carey, who speaketh with forked tongue and crossed fingers behind back. But first a short background of his past actions are in order.

When the 200-Mile-Limit (Fisheries Management Conservation Act) was signed into law by President Ford, it established Regional Management Councils to formulate and implement management plans for the species in their regions. Each coastal state belonged to one of the Councils, and in addition to each states Department of Conservation official, they also would have public members on the Council to represent the fisheries of their state. In New York, we were to be represented by D.E.C. Commissioner Berle and three public members. The public members were to be appointed by the Secretary of Commerce from a list of qualified nominees submitted by the Governor of each state.

Due to the well documented fact that New York sportfishermen were the first to call for and were the leaders in the fight for a 200-Mile Fishing Limit, it was naturally assumed by all that Governor Carey's nominees would reflect this. The Governor at the time was doing a lot of crowing about how he wasn't making any deals in smoke-filled rooms or handing out political plums, so we felt safe that the appointments wouldn't be used as political patronage. We also believed that the tooth fairy left a quarter under the pillow when a tooth fell out.

On the surface, the Governor's nominees seemed in order with both Dr. William A. Muller and Dr. Einar F. Greil on his list. Doctor Muller is an editor of L.I.F., marine biologist, well-known sportfisherman and active marine environmentalist whose credentials were impeccable. Dr. Greil is also a well-known sportfisherman holding several I.G.F.A. World Records, is a scientist, and he has been an active marine environmentalist on Long Island for many years. Either would have been an excellent choice to represent the 2.3 million New York sportfishermen on the Council that was created by the law **they** fought so long and hard for. (The first editorial calling for a 200-Mile Limit appeared in LIF in an April, 1976 issue, the first publication in the United States to do so.)

The Secretary of Commerce appointed Governor Carey's first three nominees, which the Governor undoubtedly expected. But he had "neglected" to list a sportfisherman as one of his three preferences. His three preferred nominees were Doctor McHugh, a marine biologist with extensive experience in marine fisheries conservation; William Pell of Greenport, who owns a fish packing business and has proved to be an excellent representative for Long Island's commercial fishermen while being quite understanding and concerned with the plight of the sportfisherman; and Nancy Goell.

Nancy Goell??? Our first reaction was where the hell did **she** come from! This proved a difficult task, because virtually no one in the fishing community had ever heard of her-including the commercial fishermen of Long Island. After many phone calls, we were only able to find out 3 things about her. 1. She came from East Hampton. 2. She had something to do with duck farms, but nobody knew exactly what. 3. She was good friends with Judith Hope, who just happened to be the Appointments Secretary for Governor Hugh Carey. (H. R. Haldeman's equivalent to Richard Nixon.)

So much for our lily-white Governor who publicly stated so often that he would not indulge in political patronage or hand out political plums. Only by the wildest stretch of the imagination and the broadest, most ridiculous interpretation of the law could anyone honestly believe that Ms. Goell has the credentials of a "qualified individual" under the provisions of the law. After a lengthy conversation with a Commerce Department spokesman, we were finally, although somewhat reluctantly, told just what her credentials were: she has a degree in Environmentalism, which the spokesman said led them to the assumption that she had taken a few courses that related to marine environmentalism. We were also told that she had some experience in water quality, which we will assume is somehow related to her work with ducks. Naturally, we find it difficult to believe that she could be so lacking in credentials, and have asked to see a written statement by Commerce as to what her credentials are that led them to believe that Ms. Goell is indeed a "qualified individual" to be a member on the Mid-Atlantic Regional Fishery Council. If further credentials come to light as a result, we will naturally print

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CLUB NEWS

DICK MERMON AT SALTY FLYRODDERS

"Salty" Flyrodders of New York announce that on Monday, Sept. 11, 1978, Dick Mermon, noted lecturer, writer, fisherman and representative of Shakespeare Tackle Co., will appear with a slide show and program related to the steelhead fly fishing in New York State. This meeting will be held at Grace Lutheran Church Basement, 31-20 21 St., Astoria, Queens at 8 PM. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of program and this meeting is open to all interested fishermen.

NASSAU YACHT CLUB SEEKS MEMBERS

The South Nassau Yacht Club has opened its rolls to new members commencing August 15, 1978. **Merely because you don't own a 60' yacht doesn't mean you shouldn't join a Yacht Club.**

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HIGH HILL STRIPER CLUB FISHING NEWS

Although surf fishermen have had tough going this year, members of the High Hill Striper Club, a surf fishing club based in Bellmore, have proven that putting your time in will produce noteworthy catches. As of the end of June, club competition standings are as follows.

Club Points:
Bob Krauss—350
Bill Muller—282
Skip DiBari—170
Dave Karikas—148
Fred Schwab—146

Release Points: (points for releasing qualifying fish)
Bob Krauss—400
Bill Muller—396
Fred Schwab—144
Skip DeBari—120
Dave Karikas—60

Bass Points:
George Schuckman—78
Fred Schwab—58
Bob Krauss—56
Skip DeBari—48
Dave Karikas—40

Weakfish Points:
Bill Muller—222
Bob Krauss—160
Skip DeBari—72
Paul Reynolds—64
Jim Juliano—62

Flyrod Entries:
Weakfish.
Paul Reynolds—9 lbs. 13 oz.
Claude Sommerlatte—8 lbs. 12 oz.
Bass
Paul Reynolds—7 lbs.
Junior Division:
John Kelly—7 lb. 12 oz. weakfish; 15 lb. 10 oz. bass.

ATLANTIC BEACH ROD & GUN CLUB TOURNEY

The Atlantic Beach Rod & Gun Club held its weekend Canyon Tournament last weekend and it was a huge success, said weighmaster Ronnie Lepper. Three of the five participating boats got swordfish, white marlin, yellowfin tuna, long fin albacore, shark, dolphin, bonito and tile.

Following are the biggest fish caught:

Swordfish, 226 lbs., on Marlena; angler Dr. Jerry Trussel.

Yellowfin tuna, 55.8 lbs. on Four Queens by Cliff Follenrus.

Bluefin tuna, 23.3 lbs., on Marlena, angler—Bob Foley.

White marlin, 38 lbs. on Four Queens, angler—Bob Kuntz.

Long fin albacore, 46.8, on Four Queens, Cliff Follenius.

Tilefish, 4 lbs., on Four Queens, Bob Kuntz.

Shark, 87.8 lbs., dusky, on J.J., Andy Grant.

Dolphin 7 lbs. on Motion, Artie Valenti angler.

Four swords were taken by the Club using the Florida method at the 500 fathom curve.

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Contests & Tournaments

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Free charts are to be given out and boat ramps and boat berths are available nearby. For information or applications contact: Leon Bruckner, 516-661-2484.

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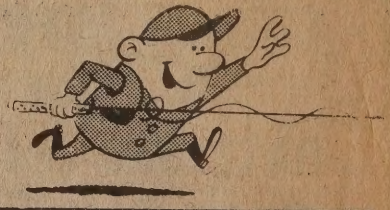
Hudson Point presents its first annual Snapper Derby for children ages 7-12 only, to be held Tuesday, August 22, 1978. One hundred entries will be accepted on a first-come basis. All children must have life jackets and be accompanied by a parent. Prizes will be presented for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for most snappers caught, and there will be other prizes for all participating.

Starting time will be 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. (arrival time—10:00 a.m.), with a rain date of Wednesday, August 23, 1978. For further info, call: 623-9808.



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The drive will be held at the Pathmark parking lot on Merrick Road in Seaford (next to Tackapusha Preserve) on Saturday, August 19 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Aluminum is also recycled.

DAM FISH IN TROUBLE

BY FRED GUARDINEER

THERE IS SOMETHING LAUGHABLY LUDICROUS ABOUT HALTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEARLY COMPLETED TENNESSEE TELLICO DAM TO PRESERVE THE 3-INCH SNAIL DARTER UNKNOWN 5 YEARS AGO. THE SUPREME COURT RULED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RIGID ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT-FIRST REPORTED IN THE "FISHERMAN" VOL. 12, ISSUE 46.

THE WATER NEEDS OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. ARE BEING HELD UP AS THE PLAN TO DIVERT WATER INTO A CAVE WOULD WIPE OUT THE SOLE HABITAT OF *EURYCEA TROGLODYTES*, THE BLIND SALAMANDER!

THE LEOPARD DARTER IS NOW IN THE COURTS BLOCKING WORK ON THE LUKFATA RESEVOIR IN OKLAHOMA...

THE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE IS ALTERING ITS PLAN TO CHANNELIZE THE OHIO LITTLE AUGLAIZE RIVER AS IT WOULD DESTROY THE RIVERSIDE TREES USED BY BATS FOR FOOD AND LIVING QUARTERS.

ENDANGERED BY WATER RELEASES FROM THE GLEN CANYON DAM IN UTAH ARE THE WORLD'S LARGEST MINNOW, THE COLORADO SQUAWFISH AND THE HUMPBACK CHUB...1 FT.

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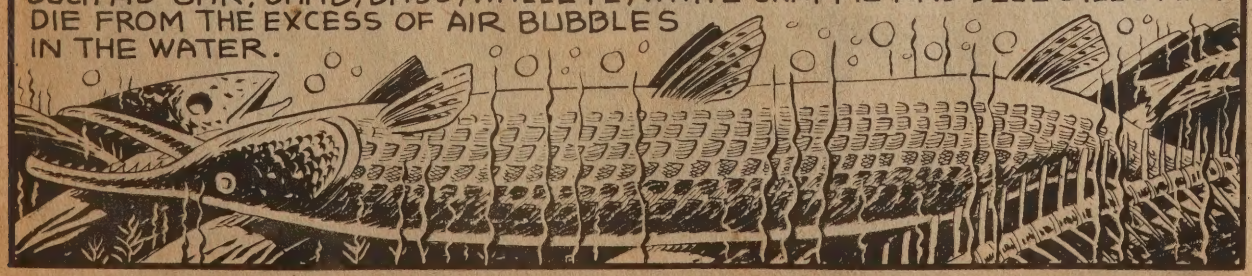


Surf Side with John Fritz

NANTUCKET: Jewel of the Sea

The weariness from the long night's travel melted away when the engines of the ferry slowed as it approached the jetties leading to Nantucket Harbor. The view of Great Point and the Gauls off in the distance on our left recalled memories of past triumphs and disappointments, while at the same time kindling hopes of greater achievements in the days ahead. The long fingers of rock guided the ferry into the Harbor, around the miniature lighthouse at Brant Point, towards the ferry slip on the west shore. The scenery had not changed, retaining its quaint Down East charm, which was a welcome relief after living in the cement and asphalt which comprises too great a part of Long Island. Our thoughts were on changes of a more subtle kind. Was the bar still wadeable at Great Point? Did the rip still form on the ebb at Smith Point? Piecemeal stories filtered down to us at home from those anglers who ventured here the previous month seeking bluefish. The desire to get on the beach made the short wait to disembark seem endless. The fifteen minute ride through the picturesque town and scenic countryside to Madaket, where our rented condomium was located, was traversed with little thought to what most visitors come to behold. Hurried unpacking, a quick change of clothes, and it's off to the beach where all of the nights and part of the next ten days will be spent seeking striped bass in one of the most productive places in the world.

Nantucket Island lies well into the Atlantic Ocean approximately twelve miles under the elbow of Cape Cod. It is an island fourteen miles in length, made up of storybook villages and pictorial landscape. The ferry ride from Woods Hole, Mass., past Martha's Vineyard, takes about three hours. This is preceded by a five hour drive up the Connecticut Turnpike through Rhode Island to the ferry terminus at the base of the Cape.

The drive is tedious, especially at night, and the ferry ride is expensive; but for catching bass and blues from the surf by a variety of methods, this Island is hard to beat. Free access to endless sandy beaches washed by the unpolluted waters of the Atlantic is yours for the taking. The choice can be made of fishing the high surf of the south and east beaches with heavy tackle or scaling your tackle all the way down to ultra-light and fishing the western and northern shore-fronts. Rocks are virtually unknown along these beaches and in warmer weather, surf fishing outfits range from bathing suits to waders, covering all stops in-between.

The striped bass usually enter these waters in the second half of May. I've been told that these are not the small fish that we encounter at home in early spring, but cow bass that follow the spawning herring into the estuaries. Smith Point is the prime location for intercepting these bass in their shoreward migration. This early fishing runs through the month of June into the early part of July.

Sometime during the summer months, the bluefish (who are less predictable) take over to provide hectic action for veteran and novice alike. The month of September witnesses unlimited bluefishing resembling Cape Hatteras at its best. By the middle of October, the bluefish depart and once again the bass make their presence known providing action into November.

Many pages could be written about this fantastic Island, but a brief rundown of some of the more popular areas and the lures employed will be a start for those of you contemplating your first trip.

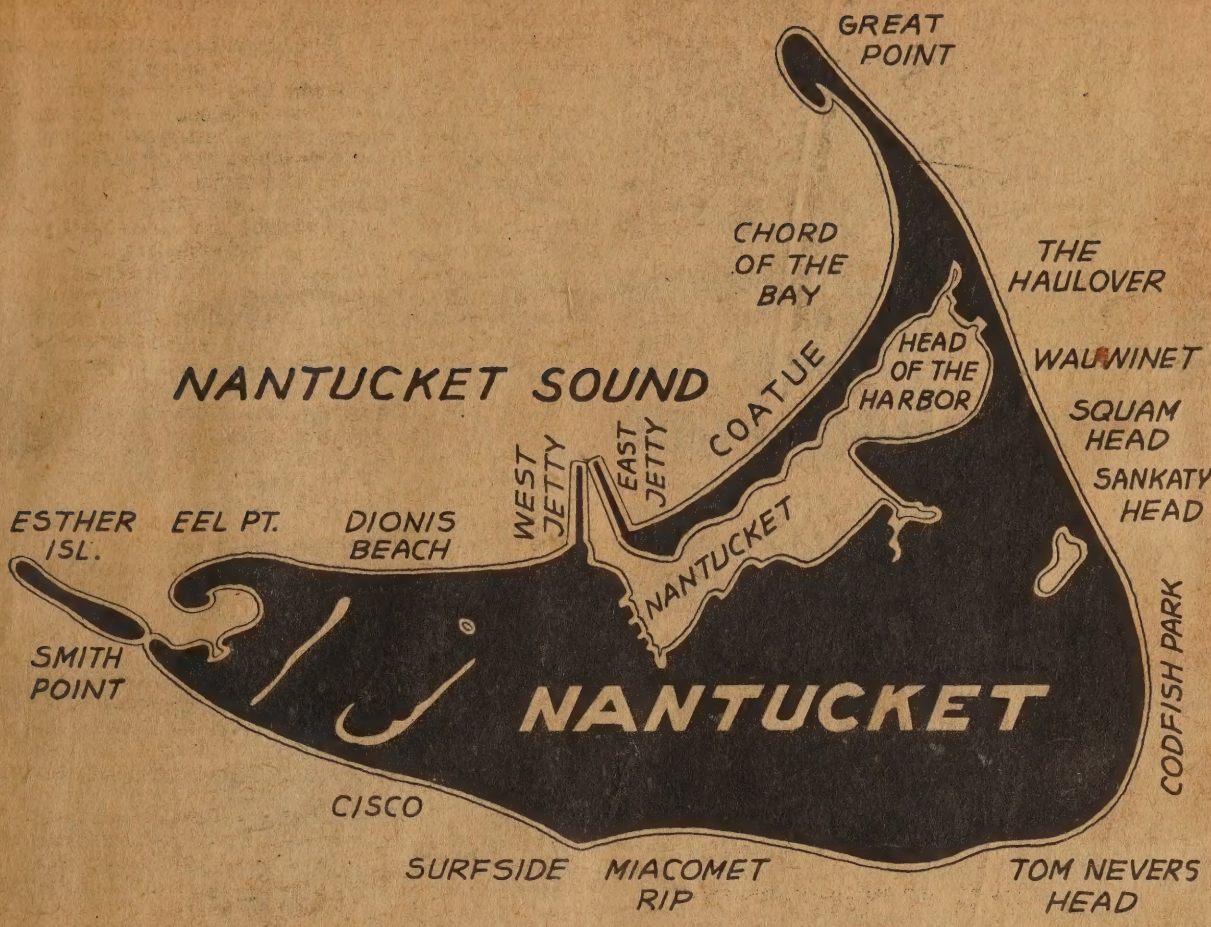
Great Point is probably the most famous fishing area on the Island. It is reached after a six-mile drive through the dunes or a faster drive along an often dangerous beach front. This tremendous rip extends out of sight in a long curve towards the northeast. The surfman is only interested in the part within the reach of his cast, which is more than enough to hold his interest. This rip, when the tide works into a northwest wind, will stand up twenty feet in the air a rod length from your nose. Even medium-sized fish when caught in this rip will feel like record-breakers and leave your arms trembling from fatigue. White bottle plugs, darters and seven inch RedFins are used at night, with tins and Polaris tried in the daylight.

The six miles of beach you passed on your right to reach the Point is an area frequented by king sized fish. Give special emphasis to the Gauls, the low-lying area you cross before reaching the Great Point lighthouse. Leap-frog the area using seven inch Rebels and RedFins at night, or normal daytime lures when the sun has risen. Last year, a school of bass herded a pod of bunker along this stretch up to the Point. The many thirties and forties caught by the handful of fishermen present, was topped by a bass of sixty-one pounds.

Another rip which forms along the beach at Siasconsit is legendary with tales of monster bass inhabiting its confines. The drawback is that this area is infested with a red weed which makes fishing impossible except on a strong east wind.

The areas along the southern coast around surfside and Miacomet Rip are better known for their bluefishing,

Surf fishermen in wash at Great Point, Nantucket *(left)*, catch large bass like those at right.



although I have seen bass taken in the daylight on Pencil Poppers when none was thought evident. The various troughs and holes can be worked after sunset with RedFins and Atom Jrs.

Smith Point at the southwestern tip is the next hotspot on our speedy trip around the Island. In past years, a smaller version of the rip at Great Point formed here on the ebb tide, coupled with a southwest wind. During the past year this area shoaled in, curtailing the fishing at the Point itself, but the ocean-front to the left and the deep, calm water to the right provided some action which the Point failed to produce.

The waterfront from Eel Point to the west harbor jetty is light tackle country. This does not mean that the fish are small, although generally not as large as the fish on the outside. Bass to thirty-two pounds were taken last year by our group in this calm water using small RedFins and Rebels at night.

If bottom fishing is your thing, try swimming eels in the deep hole to the left of Brant Point light; in the deep water to the right of Great Point Rip, or inside Smith Point towards the cottages at Madaket.

This is only a partial list of the more well-known areas. In reality, fish are taken throughout the shore line of Nantucket itself and also the three smaller islands lying to the west of Smith Point.

Your tackle and lure selection is comparable to what is used on Long Island—from RedFins, Rebels, and Helcats to Bottles, Darters, and Atoms for your night fishing. The one exception being that some native sharpshooters weight their seven inch Rebels and RedFins to enable them to cast longer distances in a head wind. Your daylight lures are the standard poppers and tins, including orange or white ballistics when bluefish are the quarry. Two tackle stores are located on this Island which will keep you well supplied with any lures lost, forgotten or not in your possession.

Reservations should be made in advance for both the ferry and living quarters. While there are no restrictions limiting your driving on the beaches, except for Great Point where large campers are excluded and a $10 fee imposed, camping on the beach is frowned upon. Off-season rates are somewhat cheaper than those charged during the summer months. Even these vary according to the type accommodations you wish to have while the ferry rates vary according to the length and

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This 32-lb. bass took a Redfin cast from the jetties of Nantucket at night, prime bass time anywhere.

Sinker Bouncing

with Matt Ahern

Trials and Tribulations

It is embarrassing for anyone to admit he's guilty of being dumb on occasion, but I admit to it. I've done a number of foolish things throughout my fishing life, and it is my hope that by the time you finish reading this article, it will help you avoid some of the trials and tribulations I've had to endure. For instance, one bright August morning I pulled a good one; unwritten fishing law says that when you do, you pay for it. Behind the skiff in this particular instance lay an enormous fluke, more dead than alive, so exhausted it was barely finning itself. It was possibly the largest I'd ever hooked while fishing in Reynold's Channel: an easy twelve pounds—and I had no net. There was absolutely no way I was going to land that fluke without help. And there was no help. Berating myself was like beating a dead horse: what was done, was done. But I just could not let that monster lie there without doing something. So I lay the rod down and tried to hand-line it within reach. What I was going to do after that, I didn't know. Anyway, it was up to me to do the best I could; and like I say, I attempted to draw the fish closer to the skiff. Maybe I could bash it with an oar and knock it senseless. If that cave-man tactic succeeded, perhaps I could get a couple of fingers under a gill cover and lift it aboard.

But it was not to be. As I drew it closer, I noticed with much despair the ragged hole I'd torn along the upper cheek of the fluke's mouth. From it hung the hook, swinging to and fro like a pendulum. Maybe, I thought, if I could keep the right amount of tension on the leader, the hook would snub up and stay put. It might have worked at that, but the fluke was fast recuperating and the instant it gaped its mouth for a breather, the hook floated out as neat as you please.

And there I was, staring at the monster which, in turn, stared right back as if daring me to do something. It slowly turned with the current and drifted toward the stern, and as it moved away, I made a desperate last effort grab. But all I got was a contemptuous swat from a powerful tail across the back of my wrist. Then, the fluke arched its broad back and glided beneath the surface. Down, down it went. I watched mesmerized until finally I could see it no longer. Had I been a kid, I would have cried, but being a grown man, I settled for a few sobs.

This wasn't the first time I'd lost a good fish, but it was the first time it happened because of my dumbness. I had brought the net that morning, but because of my haste to rent the skiff and get going, I had overlooked it in the car trunk. It wasn't missed until I passed under the Atlantic Beach Bridge, anxious to anchor (no outboard that day) and fish the flats bordering the channel. But like a fool, I didn't care to spend valuable time rowing back for it. It was a foolish thing to do, I admit, and certainly I had no one to blame but myself.

But there are numerous other dumb things I've done to defeat myself.

How about forgetting the bait? That's pretty common. If this hasn't happened to you yet, don't pat yourself on the back. Unless you keep on your toes, it will. This annoyance isn't too bad if you're able to make a fast return for it. But what if you're not? Like the time Artie Leidecker and I beat our way ten miles offshore on an intended cod trip before I noticed our bushel of skimmer was still back at the dock. I haven't lived that one down yet.

Ever leave your tackle box home? I have. Twice. That's the ultimate sin; worse than leaving a net or gaff behind. At least when these implements are overlooked you can still fish and hope for the best—but a forgotten tackle box?

How about that extra tank of gas for the outboard? I've left that behind, too, and thereby cut down on any ideas I had for a full day's fluke trolling. Never did get it back, either. That taught me.

Ever leave your rod behind when doing a little shore fishing? I left one in a sand spike and didn't miss it until I got home. It had to be one of my better rods; of course—what else? It wouldn't happen to one of my two by fours. Sure, I went back for it, hoping the stranger I'd fished near was still there. But he wasn't and neither were the rod and sand spike. That taught me. But three weeks later, I was back fishing in the same spot when this vaguely familiar fisherman approached me and told me he had my rod and spike. He'd been looking for me on a weekly basis. That taught me something, too.

But such things, as annoying as they might be at the moment, only cause temporary mental anguish. But what about those dumb things I've done that could have led to bodily harm? I've had some close calls in that respect.

What I'm about to relate happened when I first began fishing a half-century ago—all within the first ten years. None have occurred since, because I learned my lesson well, for I've never allowed myself to get into such dire circumstances since. When my life or limb may be forfeit, I've learned to think before making any move that might put me in jeopardy.

The first bad situation happened one summer day when I and several other fishermen were drifting for fluke about a mile off Norton's Point, Coney Island. We were in a twenty-six footer, which in itself was safe enough, but I couldn't leave it that way. No, I had to get out on the bow which was decked over and smooth. There wasn't even a six-inch handrail. The fact that I was wearing smooth-soled sneakers never entered my mind. Nor did I realize how dangerous such footwear could be on a wet, smooth surface.

I was doing okay with the fluke and each one I caught was tossed over the cockpit cabin with a gleeful cry of "Look out below!" But one of those fluke slipped from my grasp and I made a mad dash for it before it could bounce overboard. Those smooth sneakers hit the slime and drippings left behind by my bouncing fluke, and both fish and I went over the side together.

Such scenes have been enacted hundreds of times in the movies and on TV. Of course, it's all supposed to be for comic effect; but take it from me, there's nothing comical about it. I've got the strange feeling that if I hadn't known how to swim, I wouldn't be sitting in front of this typewriter now. I was only in the water less than five minutes, but you'd be amazed at how far that twenty-six footer had drifted in the time it took to start the engine and run back for me. For all I know, my rod and reel still lie off Norton's Point.

Ever been on a fishing boat that caught fire? I have, and if I had to choose, I would rather go overboard with smooth sneakers.

Actually, what happened wasn't due to any dumb thing I had done, but more to the fact that I was extremely naive. But what's the difference? The near disastrous results would have been the same; so I figure I better tell you about it so at some future time you don't become involved in a like situation.

I was trapping killies in Shell Creek Basin, Howard Beach, when I met this guy who almost cost me my life. He was just tying his boat to a float as I was dumping a load of killies into the bait box. A comment was made about the killies and soon we were talking as if we'd known each other for years. You know how it is with fishermen. There's no protocol involved. You see a guy fishing and there's no hesitation in breaking the ice. We're all brothers under the skin.

Well, as I say, one word led to another and he invited me to go fluke fishing off the Rockaways the next day. I accepted gladly and asked if I could bring a buddy along. Sure thing, he said, and I'm glad now I thought enough to include my friend—who, of course, was Artie Leidecker. We were only in our late teens then, but he had already acquired the suspicious and cranky nature that endures to this day.

Artie and I showed up on time, and while our new-found friend went for ice, Artie looked around the boat. "I don't know," he said, shaking his head. "I don't

know.''

I was used to Artie's negative outlook on things in general, so as a matter of course, I asked, ''What's the matter now?''

''This boat,'' he replied. ''It's filthy. Wonder when it was washed down last.''

I had noticed the boat's disgraceful condition, too, but it didn't register on me the way it did on Artie. ''So what?'' I said. ''It's a fishing boat.''

''Damn, but you're dumb,'' he growled. ''I've never seen a fisherman who loves his boat keep it in this condition. We better watch our step with this guy. Take my word for it: keep your eyes open.''

We got going all right and everything seemed okay until we were about in the middle of Rockaway Inlet when the engine suddenly quit. No warning; just one hesitating gasp, and that was that. ''Don't worry about it, fellers,'' our host said. ''It happens almost every day. She'll start as soon as it cools off. Drop over a line and fish while we're waiting.''

He removed the engine cover to allow for faster cooling and Artie and I began to dunk killies. But our companion didn't. Instead he got out the hand pump and began to remove the water that sloshed in the bilge. ''She leaks a little up forward,'' he said. ''It's nothing.''

When that job was finished, he started the engine and it went right off. But here he made a mistake that almost cost us our lives. He picked up the hand pump and passed it over the exposed engine. About a pint of water sluiced out and the engine stalled. He fooled around without success. ''I'll get it started, don't worry,'' he said, as he picked up a quart can of raw gas. ''I'll pour this down its throat. She'll go.''

She went all right. The instant he ground the starter, she backfired and went off with a roar of flame that leapt a good fifteen feet into the air. The whole damn engine and combing was ablaze. We had taken on fifty gallons of gas and the tank was strapped to the deck about six feet from that roaring inferno.

There was only one thing to do. Get overboard—and fast!

''Where the hell's the fire extinguisher?'' Artie shouted to our frightened host.

''Down below! It's froze up and won't work!''

Well to make a longer story shorter, Artie ran down below, ripped the extinguisher from the bulkhead, bounced it a few times on deck, and damned if it didn't work. The fire was out in seconds. And damned again if that engine didn't start right up again and purr like a kitten. But enough was enough. We demanded he return and put us ashore.

And those, my good friend, are some of the dumb things fishermen will do. Some like losing a big fish, or forgetting bait, and things like that, are not too bad, actually. But you better think twice if what you do involves your skin. A word of warning is certainly sufficient in this instance

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height of your vehicle. Information on lodging facilities can be obtained by writing the Chamber of Commerce, Nantucket, Mass. For information on ferry schedules and fares, a local phone number is listed in their brochure. Call the Nantucket Steamship Authortiy at 212-966-1929.

Even though there are several fine restaurants located in the main town of Nantucket, it would suit a surf fisherman's weird hours better if you planned to do most of your own cooking. Several supermarkets are open on the Island which will keep your larder well supplied.

If your club or fishing buddies are tired of the inconsistent action and crowded beaches found on Long Island, give a thought to making a trip to this pork chop-shaped Island called Nantucket.

INSHORE FISHING

with Scott J. Simons

FLUKE FISHING

Part Two

Now that the population of fluke visiting our inshore waters is decreasing on a yearly basis, as we discussed last week, the angler must try a little harder to make a good score. You can't just bait up with any "standard" fluke bait and drift down the middle of a channel and expect to spend a lot of time slipping the net under fluke that committed suicide. Tough fishing means that the successful fisherman will be the one who applies new (and old) fishing techniques, fishes the tides, and knows how to work the various bottom formations under the proper conditions. Much of this valuable information can be found in the book I wrote, "Fishing For Fluke," and I modestly suggest that any would-be fluke sharpie out there order a copy. It's only $3.45, which includes tax, postage and handling and can be ordered by sending a check to: The Fisherman, P.O. Box 1994, Sag Harbor, N.Y. 11963. It can also be purchased at many of the local bait and tackle shops around the Island. This week we are going to talk about one of the least used, but extremely effective, techniques for taking fluke: chumming. Most of the following is extracted from Chapter Nine of "Fishing for Fluke."

Chumming for fluke is an extremely effective method when the fish are spread out over a wide area. This usually occurs when bait fish are relatively scarce, traveling individually or in small pods rather than thick bodies. At these times, the fluke are forced to leave the bottom formations, where feeding is easy work when food is plentiful, and must forage for food wherever they can find it. As a result, they are often scattered over wide areas of relatively flat bottom, which makes the job of locating fish in quantity very difficult for the angler. When this happens, drifting will usually only produce spotty results and if the fish are in the shallow flats of a bay, the noise and turbulence of a trolling boat may spook them. The purpose of chumming is to gather these fluke together and lure them to the boat with the scent of an easy meal.

There are two basic methods of chumming for fluke, and both are done while the boat is at anchor. Both accomplish the same result, which is to release tiny bits of food and smell into the current where they will be carried a distance away from the boat. When a foraging fluke comes across the scent, he will turn and start swimming up-current to follow it to its source, eating the little tidbits along the way which serve to whet his appetite. Eventually, he will reach your boat and baited hook.

The first method of chumming works well in both shallow and deep water, but is particularly effective in depths of ten feet and more. A frozen block of chum is placed in a wire-mesh chum pot or weighted plastic-mesh onion or orange bag. The pot is attached to a heavy line, lowered to the bottom and tied somewhere on the bow of the boat. As the warm water begins to defrost the frozen block of chum, it acts as a time-capsule, releasing juices and tiny bits of meat into the current in a steady, constant stream.

The second method of chumming works best in shallow bay waters, or may be combined effectively with the chum pot technique for fishing in intermediate depths. The chum is placed in a large bucket or can and mixed liberally with sea water to the thin consistency of a broth or soup. This concoction is then fed into the current in a steady stream with a soup ladle or small tin can nailed to a stick. Don't overdo it, however—too much food in the water will just allow the fluke to fill themselves a distance from the boat and fail to draw them close enough to find your baited line.

A variation of the soup method is to introduce small chunks of bait fish into the chum slick. It cannot be overstressed, however, that this technique can be counter-productive when overdone. Care should be taken to cut the bait fish into chunks no larger than an inch in length, and the pieces must be fed into the current sparingly lest the fish become over-fed and lose the desire to follow the slick to its source.

Ground mossbunker (also known as menhaden) is probably the best all-around chum there is for fluke. It may be used in either a chum pot or as a soup mixture. Bunker chum is also readily available for purchase and is relatively inexpensive. The mossbunker is an extremely oily fish, which serves to make an excellent chum slick that will carry great distances before losing its luring effect.

Your best bet is to purchase bunker chum in the large thirty pound cans, which run between $5 and $6 at local bait and tackle shops. These "tins" contain about three gallons of chum, which is usually enough for more than one fishing expedition for fluke. Purchase the chum frozen. If you are going to use a chum pot, chip a large frozen block of chum out of the can with a thick-bladed knife and place it in the pot or weighted chum bag and lower it to the bottom. To make a soup, place a block of the chum in a large bucket and add warm sea water and stir until it defrosts and mixes in. At the end of the day, take the leftover chum home with you. By this time it will have fully defrosted, so pour it into empty one-quart waxed milk containers and put them in the freezer. Then you have nice frozen blocks of chum for the next outing. Just cut off the waxed container with a knife and you're in business.

Bait fish make an excellent chum for fluke when they are cut into small pieces and fed into the current. This chunking method can be extremely effective at times, but there is always the danger of doing too much of a good thing and giving the fluke so much food to eat they never have to come close to the boat.

The problem with using bait fish for chum is the cost involved—they're just too expensive to use as compared with bunker or squid chum. But excess bait fish that are leftover at the end of the day can be taken home and frozen. When enough frozen bait fish have been accumulated, take them on a fishing trip and use them for chum. Cut into chunks, they can be added to a chum slick to put a little meat in it or the chunks may be fed into the current by themselves. Again, don't overdo it: drop a piece into the water, then wait until the current carries it out of sight before dropping the next chunk in.

The best way to obtain a large supply of fresh bait fish without it costing you an arm and a leg is to catch your own with a seine. This method requires two people who must enter the water and get their feet wet, but the effort is well worthwhile because in a few hours of seining in a productive spot you can easily fill the freezer with many quarts of frozen bait fish that can be used for both bait and chum.

The choice of rig that you use when chumming will be dictated by the depth of water you are fishing in. When chumming on the flats of a bay where the water is six feet or less, the best rig to use is a float and small splitshot. Attach the float to the line above a small beak hook approximately the same distance as the depth of the water. Then attach a small splitshot one or two feet above the hook. This will keep the bait just off the bottom within the feeding zone of the fluke, but it won't get snagged on the bottom or pick up seaweed or other garbage.

The float rig is also extremely effective for live-lining small bait fish in the chum slick for fluke. Live bait is always preferable for bait when it is available, and the float will prevent the bait from hiding on the bottom for protection from predators. The splitshot is just heavy enough to prevent the bait fish from staying near the surface where fluke are often reluctant to go, but not so heavy as to impede the bait fish's swimming abilities. Live bait choices for fluke are killies, small snappers, baby blowfish and grass shrimp. Take care to hook the bait fish lightly through the lips or in front of the dorsal fin so as not to injure them and impede their swimming abilities.

Live bait and a float is also an excellent method of taking fluke from a pier, low bridge or jetty. Just get on the down-current side of the structure and allow the moving current to "walk" the float and bait away from

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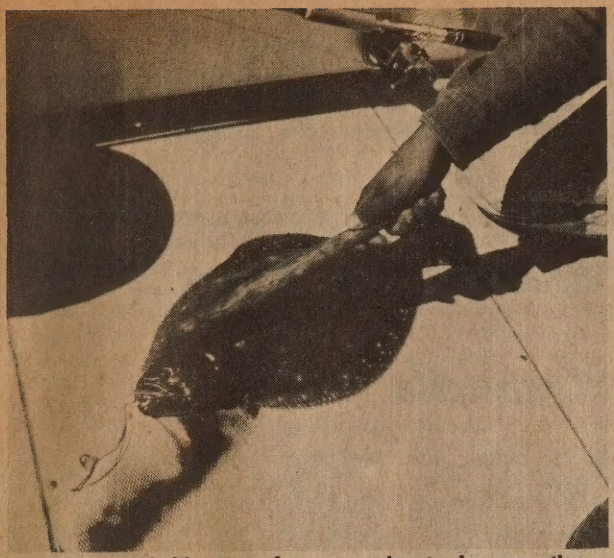
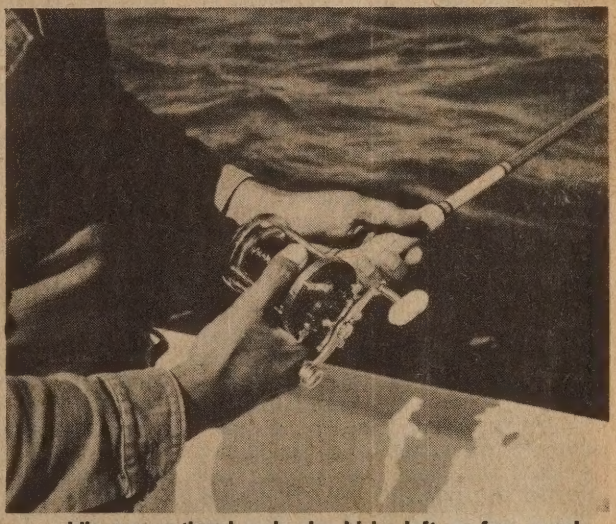


It is remarkably easy for an angler to become the "hookee" when trying to remove the hook from a fluke, which should always be given a D Sade on the head with a billy club to prevent painful accidents.

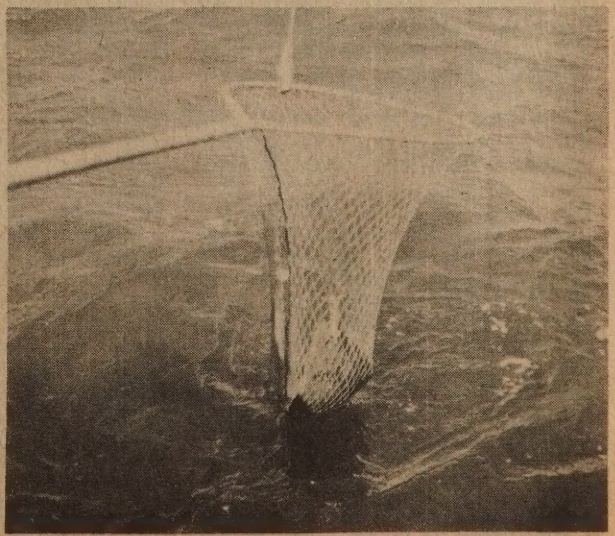
Fluke have a habit of gently picking up a bait and just holding on, which calls for the "drop-back"—which is letting out additional line. Spinning reels should be fished with the bail open so line can be let out quickly...

If the fluke is only mouth hooked, it can be removed by holding the fish firmly with a thumb in the gills...



...while conventional reels should be left on free spool and lightly thumbed. Give the fluke a good ten seconds without any tension on the line before locking the reel and setting the hook.

...but for gut hooked fish a mechanical hook-disgorger should be employed. *Do not* put your fingers into the mouth of a large fluke—they have needle sharp teeth!



Due to the half-hearted way that fluke often take a bait, they are often lip hooked—so always use a landing net.

South Shore Bass Fishing

Part One—*Clam Chumming along the Bridges and Back Bays*

by Ron Onorato

After a few years of staying in the background when compared to the other types of bass fishing, clam chumming enjoyed a bit of a resurgance last summer. On any given night, any number of boats can be seen anchored up in the vicinity of any of the South Shore bridges, each of them clam chumming. The reason for the reappearance of clam chumming was that the fish responded with some fairly good results. Clam chumming has always been a viable method of catching fish, but with the drastic reduction in the summer stocks of striped bass, few fishermen bothered with it. It was those small 18 to 20 inch bass that for so many years made up the bulk of the catch, and for the past 3 or 4 years, it is rare indeed to take even a single fish of that size. What we have now, are those 16 to 18 pound fish from the 1970 year class that are now being caught in the chum lines. Whereas only a few short years ago you geared your fishing for the small stuff, now you have to gear your fishing for the big stuff. Last year, there were a number of 30 pound plus stripers that were landed on clam bellies around some of the South Shore bridges, and for all practical purposes, really light tackle is out of the question.

Clam chumming by its very nature requires that at least moderately light tackle be used. We'll take a look at the whole business from start to finish and you'll see what I mean about the use of moderate tackle.

We are all just about familiar with the clam bellies that are the secret to success of the whole operation. Once the season gets going, any reputable bait dealer will have a supply of the frozen clam bellies ready to go. They are sold in the same tins that bunker chum is sold in, except that the clam bellies are usually a little more money. At one point, ground up skimmer clams were used as a bass chum, but now that everyone has started using the diced skimmers in chowder and other recipes, the cost is just a little too much for the average boatman. Usualy the same bellies that are used for chum, will double as the bait you're going to use on the hook.

Let's start by taking a look at the basic tackle requirement that you're going to need, and remember that you have to gear things for bigger, not smaller fish. Bass have very sharp eyes, and with the lack of competition for bait, are becoming very wary of tackle that just isn't right. The days of haphazard bass fishing is long over. Hook size is very critical, because you need a hook small enough for the belly, but strong enough to hold a big fish. When the bulk of the catch consisted of small school bass, the most effective hook was a fine wire Eagle Claw hook around 2/0 in size. A fish of any size would do havoc with such a hook, so you'll have to go to somewhat heavier hook. The extra strength O'Shaugnessey tinned hooks are about the best thing to use as they will stand up pretty well under a strain. Usually a 2/0 or 3/0 hook size will fill the bill. If you go any bigger, you'll find that you'll get fewer hits; if anything, go to a somewhat smaller hook.

As far as the tackle itself, conventional gear is the only way to go. With the revolving spool reel you can maintain absolute control over the bait, and can feel the gentle pickup of the bait by the fish. Rigging the hook is really quite simple with an absolute minimum amount of hardware to be used. Generally, you only have to use a hook rigged right onto the line you are using, or if anything a small leader of heavier mono with a tiny black barrel swivel is all that is often needed. When the current is running stiffly, you might have to add several rubber core or clinch on sinkers to get the bait down into the current. Otherwise, that is pretty much all that you'll need.

Reel choice is pretty much optional and can be varied, but you should try to keep the line test at no more than 20 pound test. If you go to a heavier test, the line diameter is usually pretty big, so that the water resistance against it is greater and this causes the bait to rise up in the current rather than stay down where it belongs. Unless you are really confident or an expert at light tackle, you should not go any lighter than 15 pound test mono. Some local sharpies do the job with 10 and 12 pound line, but they generally use a six foot leader of 20 pound mono tied ahead of the hook. For most of us, it would pay to stay right with the 20 pound mono and tie the hook direct to the line.

First we'll take a look at chumming around the bridges, and then move off to some of the other areas. There are about 10 bridges that span the South Shore waterways, and you can clam chum at all of them, but for the most part only three of them are real producers. The Atlantic Beach Bridge which spans the Reynolds Channel near Deb's Inlet is a steady producer and has been for the past few years. The last Meadowbrook Bridge near Jones Inlet, and the third Wantagh Bridge to the east that spans the State Boat Channel is the other producer. One of the biggest and most often seen mistake is to chum the bridges during the course of a full running tide. If there is a waste of time, it has to be chumming the bridges during the middle of the tide. The tide runs near 5 or 6 knots at the height of the tide, and any chum dispersed near the boat will be a mile away from the bridge by the time a bass gets to it. The most effective time to chum is during or slightly before or after the turn of the tide at either the ebb or the flood. You have about a two hour period of fishing before the tide once again starts steaming. During the course of the running tide, it would pay you to move away from the bridges and seek out some quiet part of the channel or creek where the current is running, but not so strong that you can't effectively fish it.

One of the biggest secrets to successfully fishing the bridges is the use of a chumpot, in addition to chumming the top. A lot of times the fish are lying close to the bottom, and they simply won't come off the bottom to take the chum that is floating near the mid or surface levels of water, but will start moving when the chum is a little closer to the bottom. You can use any sort of chumpot as long as it has openings big enough to spit out a clam belly into the current every now and then.

In addition to the chum pot, you should also chum the top by hand, so that way any fish near the surface won't be passed up. A word about anchoring is in order before we get into the chumming itself. Most of the boats that fish the bridges simply tie onto the pilings and start fishing that way. This may work well on one tide,

but not on the other tide. Usually the best thing to do is anchor up ahead of the bridge and start chumming back into the bridge itself. This situation will usually cost you a big fish should you hang one, but at least you have a chance this way. Now back to the chumming. When you first get going, take a handful of chum and squeeze the bellies into the water so that all those smelly juices are dispersed in the current. After a couple of handfuls, slow down on the amount of chum going into the water. Disperse the bellies one at a time every 10 seconds or so, squeezing each belly by hand. Keep this up the length of the time you're fishing.

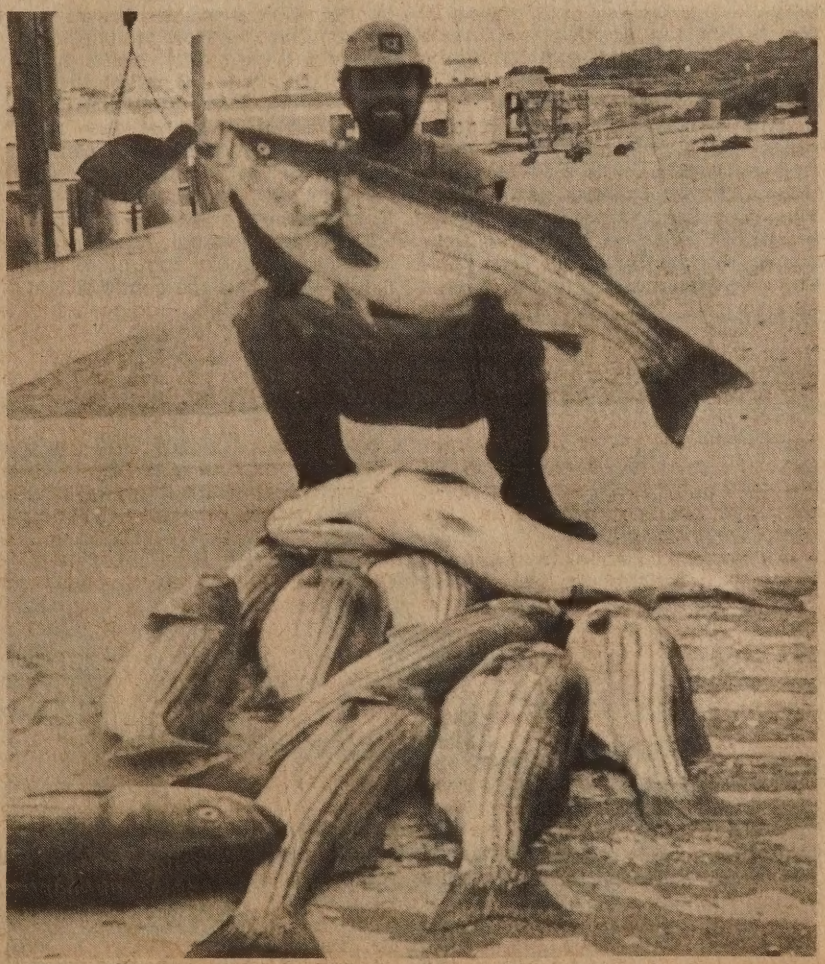
Fishing the bellies themselves are really not that difficult, and with a little practice, you will become quite adept at fishing them and hooking the fish as well. You take a single belly, wrap it around the hook a few times and dump it into the water. Strip off some line and start feeding the belly back into the current, in a manner similiar to that of bluefish chumming. You have to keep feeding the line out because the belly will float up to the surface the minute you keep it stationary. If the current is running a bit, you might find that the addition of a half ounce rubber core sinker will get the belly right down where it will do the most good. At times it might be necessary to use a full ounce of lead to get the bait down. Attach the sinker well ahead of the hook so that way the bass won't spook off the line.

A bass usually takes the belly in a single motion and swallows it right down without wasting too much time. If the fish feels the hook, it will usually spit out the bait, so it is imperative that you try to hook the fish the second you feel the pickup. The reel will be in free spool so all you have to do is simply engage the reel and lean back on the rod the minute a pickup is felt. If all goes according to plan, the fish will make a beeline for some part of the bridge abutment, and will eventually cut the mono on a piling or something. Sometimes you will get lucky and the fish will run away from the bridge pilings and into another boat's anchor line and you'll lose him that way, and if you're really lucky, the fish will run into another boat's fishing line and the other fishermen will start yanking and the fish somehow wangles off the hook that way. Such are the crowds that now fish the bridges at night, especially during weekends. If things do break right, you should take a fair share of medium size fish, although most of really big fish manage to get away. It should be added that although fish can be taken chumming both day and night, it is far more effective during the night or during the early morning hours. Rainy and overcast days will also produce better than will sunny clear days.

If the bridges get too crowded or the fish just aren't cooperating, then it would pay you to move to some spot along the State Boat Channel that runs from Jones to Fire Island Inlet. Precisely where to fish is just about impossible to enumerate mainly because there are so many spots to start fishing. By putting in a full evening or day's fishing you should be able to cover a large area and eventually come up with a spot that will produce for the future. Like any other types of bass fishing, you are going to have to put the time in and pay the price of many fishless days and nights before you score. To be honest, there is no other way, maybe when there are a lot of fish around you could luck out, but not today.

By spending some time and watching where some of the other boats are chumming, you will learn where to start. Generally speaking, the area behind Tobay and Gilgo Beach is a good spot to start looking. The boat traffic is not as heavy here as it is in some other places of the channels, and you have a lot of ground to work with. If you are totally unfamiliar with the area, try anchoring up close to the sod banks of the channel, especially if there is a channel junction nearby. The effective range of the clam chum is usually about 150 to 200 feet, so try to position the boat that far ahead of any structure that looks like it will hold fish. Sometimes there are some old house pilings a few feet from the bank, and these are always a good bet to try. There are some places along the channel where the bottom changes quickly, and a small rip is formed. Pull the boat well uptide of the rip, and chum back into the rip. Once you get away from the bridges, all chumming elsewhere is done by hand.

That just about wraps things up as far as chumming goes. While many may find this type of fishing a little messy, and admittedly it is, it affords a great deal of sport since there is nothing between you and the fish except some relatively light line. Fishing around the periods of the full moon are generally more productive than on totally dark nights, although fire in the water may impair the action a little bit. You have a chance for both big fish as well as small when you clam chum and this makes the fishing even more exciting. Big fish should be gaffed while smaller specimens should be landed with a large mouth fluke net. One final point, and it is perhaps the most important one especially when fishing shallow water, and that is to minimize boat noise as much as possible. The bass are pretty well shook up as it is by all that boat traffic, so when they decide to eat I'm sure that they like things as quiet as possible.



The author with eleven striped bass that weighed in at up to 48½ pounds that he caught trolling large plugs at night.

Fishing the New York Bight:
Verrazano Bridge Bluefish and Weakfish

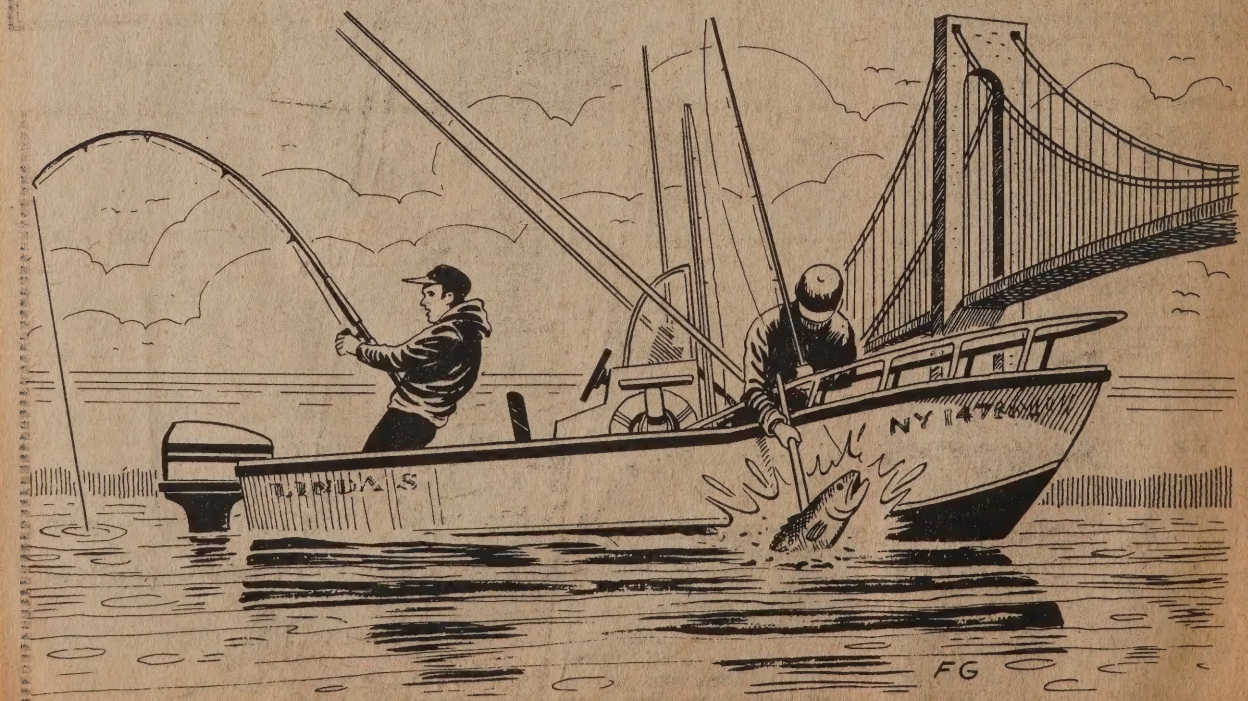
by Guy DeBlasio

Since the age of fourteen-years-old when I first worked the deck of a charter boat to earn a living, I have fished the waters in and around New York. There are many places that hold a great many species of fish such as striped bass, bluefish, fluke, porgy, blackfish, weakfish and many others, all in the shadows of the World Trade Center.

There is another shadow, one that spans across The Narrows: it's the shadow of the Verrazano Bridge, where over the years I have taken giant bluefish using deep jigging techniques. Some of these bluefish ranged in size from sixteen to twenty-one pounds. Also in the same area, weakfish are plentiful in late August and early September on the flats between the Bridge and Norton's Point.

It was a bright sunny August morning as I turned the bow of my twenty-eight foot Chris Craft in the direction of the Bridge, while my brother Bill DeBlasio prepared our gear, which consisted of two eight foot rods with two Penn Jigmaster 500 reels. The reels were loaded with thirty pound test Ande line. This is just the outfit to handle those eight ounce Ava diamond jigs. For the weakfish, we use Garcia Mitchell 300s loaded with twelve to fifteen pound test line with seven-and-a-half foot medium action rods. This outfit takes care of one-half to three-quarter ounce Bucktails and A27 jigs. As we reached buoy 18 off Norton's Point, my brother scanned the area with a pair of binoculars searching for bird activity under the Bridge and on the flats which run along the Belt Parkway between Norton's Point and the Bridge. Bill yelled "Birds working" pointing in the direction of the flats. At that point, I eased the throttles forward and moved in on the flats where a huge flock of sea gulls were flying close to the water, diving and screeching. There were some fish breaking water. I slowed the boat down as I approached the feeding birds. When I was in position, I cut the engine and began to drift. My brother made the first cast with a half ounce yellow Bucktail. Before he could turn the handle five times, his rod bent and the twelve pound test line peeled from his Mitchell 300. After a few minutes I sank a gaff into a seven pound weakfish. I then got in on the action—I cast my Ava three ounce jig. As I started to retrieve it, about ten turns off the bottom, I was into a fish, one that was a lot wilder and swam a lot faster than a weakfish. I suspected that it was a bluefish: and I was right—about five pounds. As I flipped it aboard, I looked at my brother who was asking for the gaff for another weakfish. By now we were in the thick of it. As soon as I dropped my jig and Bill bounced his bucktail, we had fish on. The blues would hit our lures on the way down and the weakfish would hit them on the upswing, just off the bottom. After an hour-and-a-half, we had forty-seven weakfish and twenty-one bluefish. The weakfish ranged in size from seven to twelve pounds, while the blues ranged in size from three to six pounds.

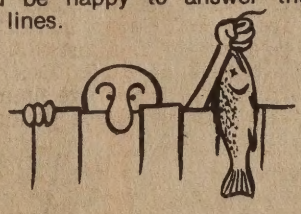
When the action died, my brother and I sat back for a well-deserved rest and the birds sat idle also, waiting for the change of tide. I cut one of the weakfish open to see what they were



feeding on. It was a combination of snappers, bay anchovies and sand eels. I removed the long shank hook and replaced it with a short shank hook. We found this takes more weakfish when the jig is raised in one motion rather than short hard jerks. The birds were up again about one hundred feet away. I started up the engine and proceeded to get into position. Just ahead of the feeding birds, Bill had taken off his Bucktail and was now using an A27 jig. I cut the engine and began our drift. We began bouncing our Ava 27 jigs, but the action was not anywhere near the quality we had in the morning. We pulled another six weakfish and three blues and it died. We tried another one-half hour, but there was nothing to be had.

I started the engine and headed towards Norton's Point where there is a large rip which extends from the beach to buoy 18. A quarter mile out there was a small batch of birds working the rip. I headed in that direction only to be diverted by a large batch of birds feeding frantically under the Verrazano Bridge. We immediately stored away our light gear and replaced them with our eight foot boat rods and eight ounce jigs with Penn 500 reels loaded with thirty pound test line. As I approached the activity, I could see fish breaking water just ahead of us. I circled the feeding fish and ran up ahead of them and cut the engine to start my drift. I had my graphing depth recorder on and read fish at the surface to twenty feet and also just off the bottom which was forty-four feet down. I dropped an eight ounce jig straight down and allowed it to hit bottom, while my brother cast his jig and also let it hit bottom. We began to retrieve as fast as we could—this is called "squidding." About six to ten turns off the bottom, the jig was stopped cold; my rod bent and the line melted from my Penn 500 reel. All I could do was hold on. Meanwhile, Bill also had hit pay dirt. He had worked his fish up to the bow and back to the stern twice, while my fish was still deep and started to make a slow circle around the boat with the rod bent like a pretzel and the fish never showing signs of weakening. He also made short sizzling runs, then settled down to the hard pumping action. Bill now had his bluefish alongside and with one hand, gaffed the blue and brought it aboard. It was in the range of eighteen to nineteen pounds. I then summoned Bill to follow me with the gaff. Fifteen minutes had passed since I hooked this fish, giving him line when he needed it and gaining it when I could. My experience told me I had to play this fish all the way. After twenty-five minutes, I got my first look at what I had hooked: it was a bluefish—the biggest I had ever seen or hooked. I brought the fish alongside and my brother sank the gaff home and lifted the fish aboard. I sat down exhausted but happy. When later weighed at the bait barge, it went 21 lbs. 6 oz. We boated two more bluefish in the sixteen to seventeen-and-a-half pound class. For a long time, only a few knew about the giants that swam under the Verrazano, but it is time to share these places in the New York Bight with my fellow fishermen. I believe a world record will come from this area given enough time and patience.

This was only one experience out of many years of fishing the New York Bight. If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them. Tight lines.



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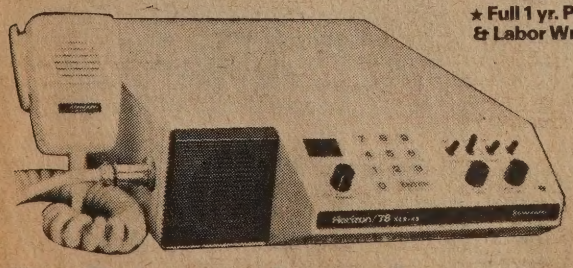

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Weekday Blues

by Tim Coleman

Blues on the weekdays are just as good as blues on the weekends, only you don't have the crowds. Throw in some good summer weather and you've got an enjoyable day on the water.

My latest blue trip was on July 26. A call for a regular report to Brad Glas, skipper of the "Hel-Cat," told of some decent action. Another call the Tuesday night before the trip still had the blues in numbers. The boat sailed at six the next morning.

The action on the offshore grounds Brad likes to fish normally doesn't get going until the fall, then it lasts past the full moon in October. This year, the fishing (at least as of this writing) was consistent by the end of the July moon. The day I went for a little "investigative reporting" the fish bit in spurts all day long.

At the start of the morning, the skipper got on the PA system to tell all the fares to let the bait down to the bottom, take fifteen turns on the reel, then wait. The fish could start right away; sometimes it takes awhile. From the time it took him to climb down from the wheelhouse to grab a cup of coffee, the first blue was in the stern.

Bait for these trips is herring. The rig consists of a ten to twelve ounce drail onto which a length of brass chain is attached to the bottom eye. A 10/0 Mustad hook is attached to the other end of the chain. The rigs on the boat are made up with sturdy S clips to attach both the chain to the drail and the hook to the chain. That way there's no chance of a swivel opening up if such was used in place of the S clips.

Also attached to the bottom eye of the drail is a heavy duo-lock snap. This goes through the eye sockets of the bait to hold it in a straight position instead of having it slide down the chain. After running the snap through the eyes, run the hook through the bait down by the tail. I like to run the hook point in once, then bring out; then run it back in again, making sure the point of the hook is exposed. Brad said it was only necessary to run the hook through the bait once. I took his advice since he goes bluefishing everyday during the summer, while my headboat bluefishing is limited to a couple trips per season.

The day before this trip, Brad said two fellows fishing in the bow had twelve and thirteen fish, respectively. On that Wednesday, most of the fish bit in the stern, then worked their way towards the bow. You could get ready after a lull by watching the guys in the back. One would hook up, then the blues would come chopping their way up to your bait. On a couple such forays it was actually possible to watch every fare on the starboard side of the boat progressively hook or miss a fish. Not a bad way to spend a Wednesday.

Once you feel a fish initially take a bait, let him have it for a second or so, then set the hook. At that point, hang onto your young son or daughter. As the blue digs for freedom, his or her eyes will bulge and their faces will turn red, as the hard-fighting blues put on the show that keeps folks coming back for more. I've got bass in my heart and soul, but they can't hold a candle to the fight of a bluefish.

One youngster in the stern, who'd done this before, was putting a couple adults fishing up on the port side of the bow to shame. One member of this group went into a tense semi-crouch when he hooked up, looking for all the world like the bluefish was going to drag him over. At that point in the contest, it was a question of who had who. Take your time; keep your cool.

When the fish were coming hot and heavy, so were fishhooks and snapping teeth. If you're not sure about removing twelve pounds of flopping blue from a 10/0 hook, have the mate do it for you. Bluefishing is an exciting way to spend a summer day—having your pinky stitched up is not. Blues will snap at anything, including fingers!

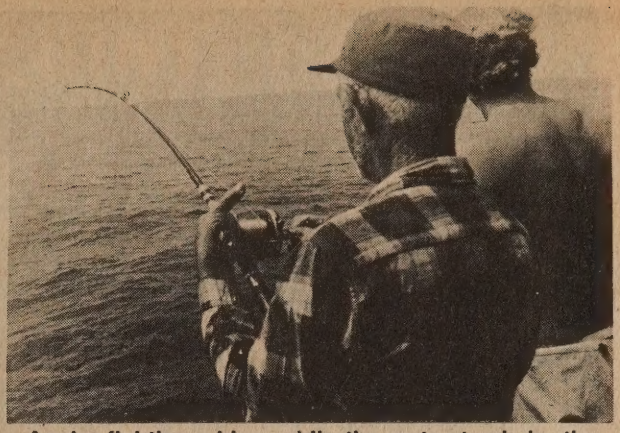
Around 12:30, the fish came up on top for a little while chasing small mackerel. Brad said the day before the fish really put on a top-water show in glassy calm water. After seeing the fish, I asked Brad about using a jig. He told me, what have you got to lose? On went the jig.

On the average trip to the offshore grounds, you will probably make out much better with bait. If you do want to try jigging, let it go to the bottom, then make fifteen quick turns; let it go back to the bottom; repeat the procedure until a bluefish interrupts the routine or you get tired of the work. For my twenty minutes work, I got one and lost one on J&B Tackle's new Twist-A-Jig. You can bend this lure in any shape you want. With one forty-five degree bend near the tail, the lure comes through the water with nice swimming motion.

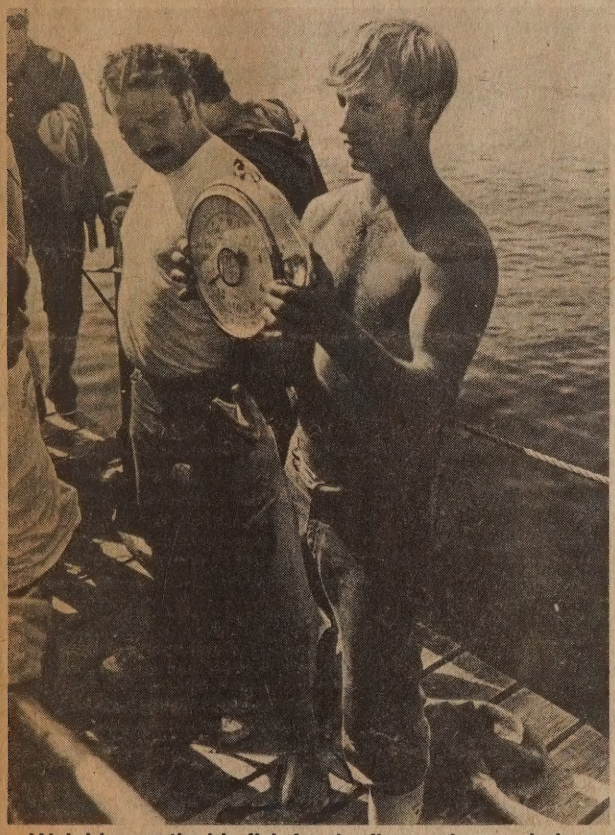
Scores at the end of the day ranged from one fellow who didn't have any fish because he didn't think he needed to take seasick pills, to some of the regulars in the stern with two bags of fish apiece. Everyone seemed satisfied at the three blasts of the horn signaling the end of the fishing.

Pool money that day was $29 for first place and $15 for second. Handshakes, tips to the mate, a word to the captain, fish in a cooler or the trunk; a start of an engine and the day was over. If you are looking for a way to spend a summer weekday, give some thought to these blues.

Author fishing up in the bow has five fish. Some of the sharpies in the stern had two bags apiece.

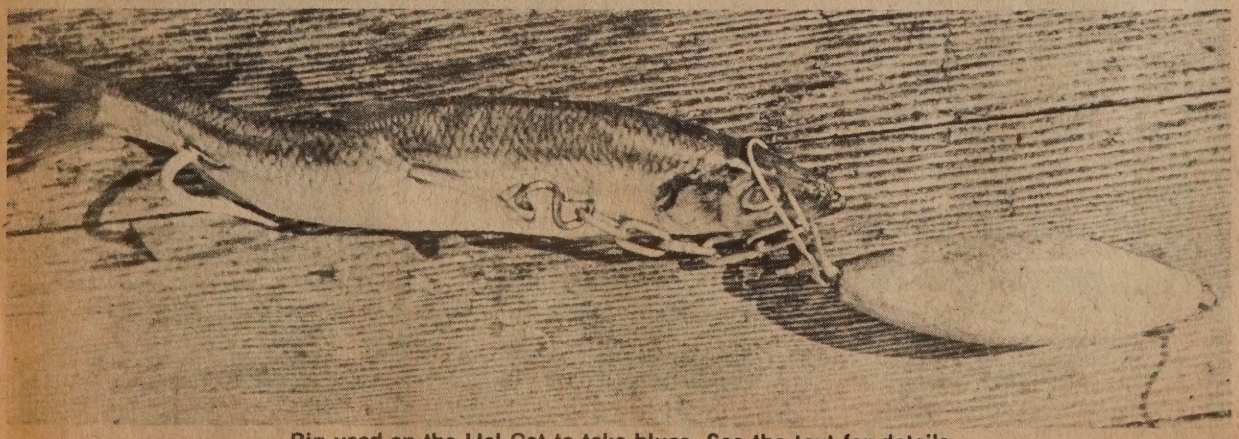


Angler fighting a blue, while the mate stands by the gaff.



Weighing up the big fish for the first and second place pool money.

His first of six fish for the day.



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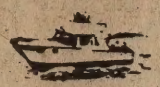

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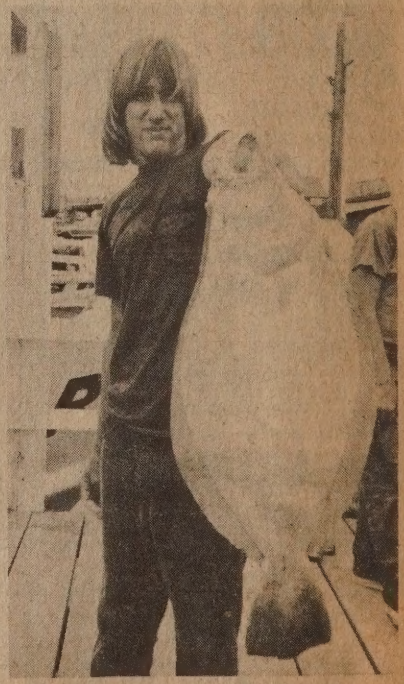
Bluefish still held center stage during this past week which saw some really ridiculous weather patterns for this time of year. But the boats fishing the Submarine Buoy trolling umbrella rigs and diamond jigging have been loading up with virtually all of the 6-10 lb. bluefish they can carry. Quite a few bonito are mixed in with the bluefish. Striped bass for the most part are non-existent and we have no reports of any substantial catches of weakfish. But the fluke fishing took a decided upswing during the week and boats drifting at Shagwong Point on outgoing water are loading up with some nice fish. Porgy fishing remains steady but not fantastic. Offshore some spice was added to the shark fishing with some giant tiger sharks



Don Breand took this 10½ lb. fluke fishing aboard the "Viking Star" out of Montauk.

Angler Clyde Lipps and Capt. Phil Lewis with the first tuna of 389 lbs. taken aboard the "Adios" out of Montauk.

up to 500 lbs. moving into the area. Virtually everyone trolling feathers and cedar jigs on the offshore ground are hooking up with school tuna, and we have had several reports of giant tuna being hooked, but none were landed to our knowledge.

Capt. Bud of the **Viking Skipper II** said that a high hook of 49 porgies on Friday was a record low high hook this month. As far as he can recollect for the last 1½ months, the high hooks on his boat have never gone lower than 51 porgies on any given day. However, on Saturday, Phil Westbrook of Brooklyn made up for that when he was high hook with a total of 106 porgies, while B.C. Cook of Brooklyn had 90 despite the weather. Mike Murphy of Brooklyn fished Saturday and Sunday for a total of 126 porgies for both days. The Captain said the fish are all of medium size.

Capt. Frank of the charter boat **Free Spirit** said that the offshore fishing has remained great. On Monday Frank started his chum slick at 8:30 and within two hours had two makos of 100 and 115 lbs. Frank then caught a bonito which he live-lined, and within 15 minutes a 348 lb. hammerhead took the bait and was brought to gaff. On Tues., Frank had an inshore trip and 63 alligator blues at the Sub Buoy, and Wednesday's charter will be a memorable one. On that day, Frank had 2 mako sharks hanging by 8 AM and then hooked up with a giant bluefin tuna. After a 5-hour battle, the mono snapped at the boat from the fish that was estimated to be 700 lbs. plus. A mako and a few brown sharks were taken on Thursday's and Friday's charter. On Saturday and Sunday, the water was a alive and jumping with schools of bluefin tuna from 145 to 185 ft. of water south of the Point. Frank said that the trolling speeds depend upon

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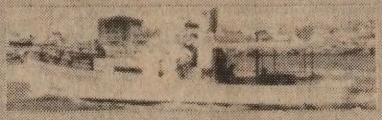

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the boat, but as a rule try to produce the most suds in the water possible. Frank would like to remind readers not to wait until the last minute to book their fall trips. He can be reached at his new number in Montauk, 668-9455.

Capt. Richard Rade of the **Marlin IV** reported that porgy fishing has been good with catches ranging from 25 to 65 fish per angler, depending on each individual's proficiency. Bluefishing at night has been great off Block Island with average catches of 250 to 350 fish per trip. Whole herring baits are used on these alligators that range from 10-14 lbs.

Capt. Gary Kiefer of the charter boat **Barracuda** told us that on Sunday he took a half dozen tuna up to 35 lbs., trolling cedar jigs and red-and-white feathers south of Block Island on his to the shark grounds. Gary said that they had blue sharks in the chum slick all day and tagged and released many of them after capture. His inshore charters have been doing a job with the diamond jigs at the Submarine Buoy taking 50 to 70 bluefish a trip.

Capt. Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** called to give us the good news that Jay Caruso of New Jersey brought in 130 bluefish on a half day trip at the Submarine Buoy trolling umbrellas. A couple of parties going for giant tuna didn't make the expected great catches they had anticipated. Although two giants were hooked on Monday, both popped the line—but that's fishing and it happens to the best of us. Although school tuna were caught aboard the boat, these parties were interested in the giants and as a result, were a little dissatisfied. But just the fact alone that they were fortunate enough to hook into two big fish should have been enough sport fishing for anyone.

Jim Palumbo of the **Tide Runner** reported Thursday's half day three-man charter produced 31 fish in an hour-and-a-half out by the Sub Buoy. Saturday they were rained out and Sunday's offshore birthday trip for Dr. A. Becan produced a 200 lb. blue shark for him and a 125 lbr. for Mrs. Becan, which they tagged and threw back. Mrs. Becan's big event is expected in about 2 weeks. Good luck, Mrs. Becan! Fishing was done in 220' of water, S-SE of the Point. Jim would like to remind you that they still have a few choice dates open in September.

Capt. John Sweetman of the charter boat **Ebb Tide** told us that he has been trolling school tuna everyday on his way to and from the Butterfish Hole, where he also dropped a tuna of over 400 lbs. during the week. There are also a lot of mako sharks being taken in the Western Fingers of the Butterfish Hole, which is where he hooked up with the giant. John said that he still has a few choice open dates for those who want to get in on the terrific bluefin tuna action that should run through September.

Maureen of the **Gone Fishing Marina** told us that Ron Onorato and Hugh Fitzpatrick took a 500 lb. tiger shark on Friday while fishing 30 mi. south of the Point in 260 ft. of water. The daring duo also hooked and lost a giant mako shark that Ron estimated to be in the 500 lb. class. On Saturday, the boat "Too Many Mornings" took 60 nice fluke drifting

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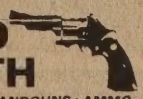

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sand eels and squid during the outgoing at Shagwong Point. On Sunday, Arnie Fox took a doormat of 7½ lbs., in the same area. Also on Sunday, Jeff Fuhr of the "Hi-Hopes" took 37 fluke to 6 lbs. in the North Rips at the beginning of outgoing water.

On Friday, Artie Thomas and friend Joe of Grumman's and Ken fished with LIF staff member Scott Simons on his boat. They took 93 bluefish and 4 bonito in 2½ hours and only stopped when the fish box was overflowing. On Sunday, Scott's friend Frank Michelson and his son Bernie were aboard. Bernie was thrilled when he single-handedly whipped a bonito of 8 lbs.

Capt. Art Munday of the charter boat **Darius II** reported offshore tuna is good. Fish taken trolling on almost every trip. Several also taken in chum slicks while shark fishing. Bluefish stacked at Sub Buoy and plenty of small fish in close at Shagwong. Party on Sunday organized by Claude Nastroianni brought back between 70 and 80 fish from the Sub Buoy. The Darius has only a couple of open dates in August, but does have weekdays open in September.

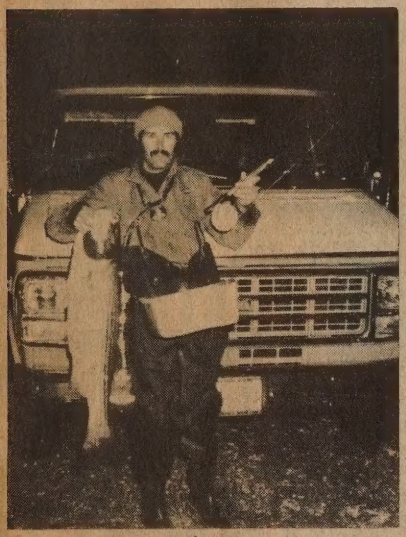
Greg at **Cove Marina** told us that Frank and Dottie Kani did very well inshore during the week with a respectable mixed bag of blues and fluke, and Tony Kani did equally well on the "Fran IV." Bob Dippel on the "Surf Master II" has consistently brought in excellent catches of big bluefish, weakfish and bonito taken at the Sub Buoy trolling. In addition, Lew Carillo on his "Black Onyx" had an excellent week with big porgies at Great Eastern and Al Pikulik on the "Bozo" did very well bluefish and fluke at Shagwong Point.

Captain Paul Forsberg reported that codfishing on the **Viking Starship** at Coxes Ledge was fantastic. Pool winner on Thursday was Walter Heightlinger with a 60 lb. cod. The night bluefishing has been a massacre and on Friday and Saturday nights, the Viking Starship returned early because there were so many fish. The porgy fishing on the **Viking Starlite** still remains excellent with 40-80 fish per man. The fluke fishing aboard the **Viking Star** still very good, with the average fluke getting larger and the pool fish every trip has been between 7 and 10 lbs.

Henry Colombi of the **Star Island Yacht Club** called to tell us that Bill and Norma Bock on the "Sea Tern" had an unusual catch of a 30 lb. dolphin that was 51 inches long. They took the fish while chumming in the Butterfish Hole. Henry said that the fluke fishing has really been good drifting by Shagwong Point during outgoing water. Some of the sharpies

at Montauk's largest marina have really been doing a number on them using live and fresh tinker mackerel. They catch from the marina's bulkhead. Tuna fishing is still excellent for the boats trolling red and white or black and white feathers and cedar jigs while in transit to and from the Shark Grounds at the Butterfish Hole and also south of Block Island. Bluefish are being massacred at the Sub Buoy by all those who know how to put a reel in free spool.

Capt. Bruce Hoek of the charter boat **Tara** told us that his half day charters have really been mohawking the bluefish. On Sunday afternoon, 65 blues ranging from 4 to 10 lbs. were bagged diamond jigging at the Submarine Buoy. A few bass have been taken at Great Eastern, and it looks like it's going to be a good full moon for night trolling.



Salty Flyrodder Joe Falke with a 24 lb. bass taken on a fly rod at Truman's Beach. Subscriber Club photo.

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Mickey at **Altenkirch Tackle** told us that on Sunday quite a few football tuna in the 10-12 lb. class were taken trolling feathers in 140-150 ft. of water south of the inlet. Dave Wilmont weighed in the largest tuna of the weekend, a 51 lber. Mickey said there was also plenty of bluefish ranging from 2-10 lbs. right outside the inlet and are being taken trolling umbrella rigs and casting artificials to them when they are on top. Shinnecock canal is loaded with snappers that are being caught by kids young and old, whether the locks are open or closed.

Capt. Clark Bellows of the **Capt. Clark Fleet** told us that although the weather has been keeping the people away, the fishing has been very good. The summer weakfishing has been improving daily for fish 2-4 lbs. that are taking sand worms. Porgy fishing was a little picky last week, but there were several good days of action. The **Capt. Clark II** had good results on the weekend fishing for sea bass on the local ocean wrecks. It has been good, fast fishing for about an hour and then a steady pick of fish all day. The sea bass are beautiful in size, ranging from 1 lb. to humpbacks of 4 lbs. A few blackfish and ling are also mixed in. Clark said it looks like an excellent September and October run of fish in the making.

Angler George Shencaditz caught a tiger shark weighing 173 lbs., 24 miles out from Shinnecock Canal on the "Lilly Ion." This is the fourth one taken this year for that area. They also got one blue shark.

HAMPTON BAYS

Tony's Fishing Station reported that although the weather has been poor, the boats are still picking fluke at the inlet, the Coast Guard station and in East Channel on any moving tide. Snappers are all over the place, but there are no blue claw crabs to report. Bluefish and a few bonito are being taken right outside Shinnecock inlet by those trolling umbrella rigs.

MORICHES BAY

Skidmore's Fishing Station reported that on Saturday the catches were down due to the heavy rain. Sunday saw a big increase in fish, especially the larger sized fluke, between buoys 39 and 41 on the ebb tide and off the tip of the CG station between bars on the flood tide. Roger Goodman and party had 21 fish up to 5¼ lbs. fishing with killies and squid. Robert and Betty Green had 17 fish up to 4¾ lbs. fishing with sand eels and squid. Good showing of snapper blues

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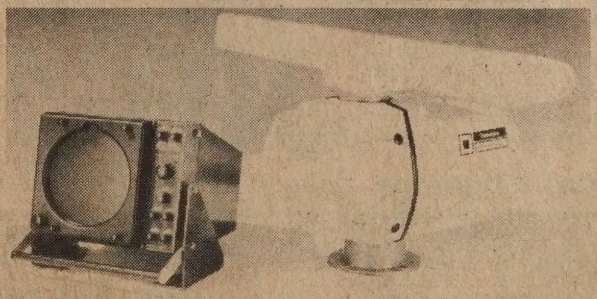

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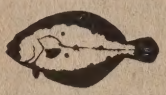

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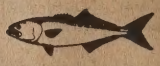

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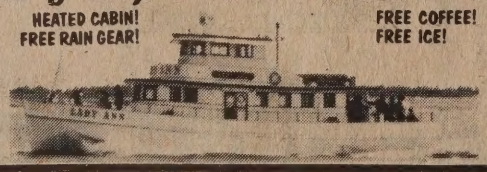

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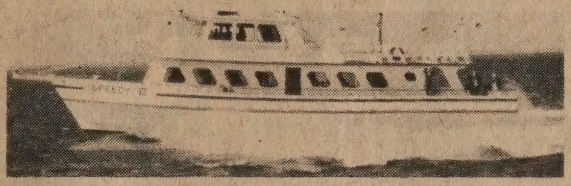

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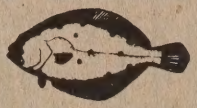

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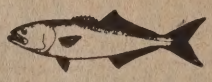

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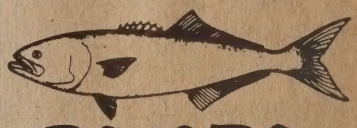

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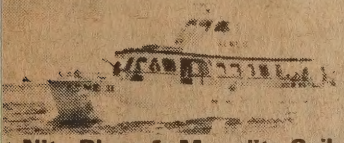
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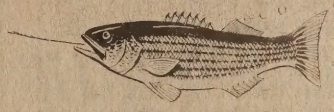
Bill DeLuca from **East Moriches Bait and Tackle** reported that on Sunday, Sy Lasner fished the West Cut up to buoy 29 on incoming water and had 35 fluke up to 5 lbs. on squid and sand eels. Also, Al Skiva and sons Steve and Jim and Joe Bigora picked up 9 skipjack tuna and 1 bluefin tuna of 18 lbs. in 120 ft. of water south of Moriches Inlet.

Tony Vaccaro called to report that Jack Windels of the South Shore Marlin and Tuna Club boated a 118 lb. swordfish on Friday in the Hudson Canyon on board the "Queen Bess," captained by Sal Palacino. The fish was weighed in at Hi-Way Fishing Station in East Moriches.

Ramona of **Silly Lily Fishing Station** reported good fluke fishing on the weekend with the boats averaging 8-12 fish a day. Best action has been on high tide from the Elbow to buoy 38, and sand eel and squid combo baits have been producing best.

Al Lassen of the **Hi-Way Fishing Station** told us that on Sunday nice fluke were taken in the Bay from buoy 39 east and in the West Cut on both moving tides. Catches were brought in of 24, 18, 15, and 14 for the boats that went out. Still some flounder fishing in selected spots. Snappers are all over the Bay and some blue claw crabs are being taken in the coves.

Jack of **Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station** said that the fluke fishing was very good on Saturday and Sunday during outgoing water in the flats behind buoy 29. The flats by the Coast Guard Station at buoy 39 were also a hotspot, and the fish now seem to be showing a preference for live killies. Bluefish in the 2-4 lb. class are being trolled just outside the inlet.



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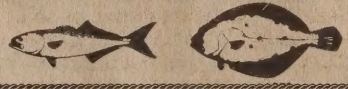

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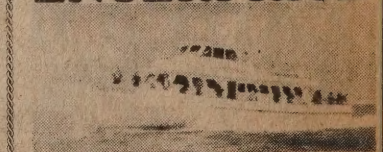

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Stiriz Marina reports that the crabs re large and plentiful between buoys 5 and 17. Best bet is to use mackerel nunks. The snapper blues are also l.

Jack O'Keefe of the **State Channel Marina East** reported that the crab-ing has been getting better and etter around buoys 19 and 20. Fluke shing has been fair with 2 to 3 fish n the 3-4 lb. class per boat being aken on live killies and sand eels. nappers and snapper blues are being aken all over the bay, especially round buoys 21 and 23.

SAYVILLE

Vinnie at **Young's Fishing Station** aid that Clay Hardman and his rother Scott caught 18 fluke and 10 mall bluefish fishing in the State hannel off Ocean Beach on Monday. hey were drifting with fluke belly nd killies for the fluke and casting rtificials to the bluefish. All of the uke were between 18 and 22 inches. ishing has been slow but steady in eneral and weakfish are being taken ehind the dredge boats working off ayville. There is a sprinkling of lowfish in the bay and schools of bluefish have been showing up sporadically in different areas of the Bay.

EAST ISLIP

Walt at **Buoy 2 Sport Shop** said that although weather has been a hindrance lately, Saturday afternoon saw some decent fluke catches of nice sized fish at the lighthouse and Coast Guard station. One guy who fished outside the inlet in 40 ft. of water had 20 fluke that all were 3½ to 4½ lbs. He caught these in only 2 hours of fishing using sand eels and squid. Fishing for snappers and crabs has been holding up the local docks.

BAY SHORE

Carl at **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** told us that fluke fishing has been improving in both size and quantity. Best action has been at Ocean Beach, West Channel and west of the Robert Moses Bridge and on the weekend fish up to 7½ lbs. were weighed in. Weakfish are being jigged on white or red Pussycats in West Channel and Atlantique on the flood tide. These fish range from 44 lbs., and big weakfish are being taken on live snappers in front of the Lighthouse and also off the construction dock. A few small blueclaw crabs are scattered throughout the bay. Bluefish ranging from 4-15 lbs. are being taken on umbrella rigs, banana splits and Ava-27 diamond jigs in 80 ft. of water and off Patchogue Beach. Bonito are being trolled on black-and-white or red-and-white feathers in 65 ft. of water and deeper. School tuna have been hitting both feathers and cedar jigs trolled in 165 ft. of water and southeast of the NB buoy. On Sunday, regular customer Richard Ferri with his 14-year old daughter Lisa and Tony Garaba of Putnam Lake fished out at Montauk and took 67 bluefish ranging from 8 to 12 lbs. on eight ounce Ava Diamond jigs. Young Lisa took 25 of the choppers herself. The new "Serena II" arrived for Pete Sindone, and Smokey and the fellows down at the shop wish him the best of luck with his new boat.

CAPTREE

Jonas Bait and Tackle informed us that bluefish trolling in the inlet has been very good, and tuna and albacore are being taken 140° from Fire Island Inlet in 120 ft. of water. One boat on Sunday had a catch of 30 trolling feathers. Fluke fishing has picked up in the inlet and off the CG Station on the weekend. Snappers are all over the bay.

Capt. Marty of the **Jib Fleet** reports steady, fair fluke fishing on the morning and afternoon trips throughout the week. Most active areas have been Snake Hill Channel and the Lighthouse to the inlet. Best action seems to be on the incoming tide. Using sand eels and killies.

Capt. Walter of the **Lady Ann** called to say fluke fishing is okay with 40-80 fluke per trip on killies and squid. Best fishing is at the Lighthouse, bridge and Snake Hill Channel. Sea bass fishing on the ocean reef is good with 10-20 fish per man. Night blues are a total slaughter every night with charters getting 200-500 blues, 5-15 lbs. per trip. Sunday afternoon reservation trips have produced 10-30 big blues per man on every trip.

Captain Neil on the **Casey Lee** called to report catches have run 3-5 fluke per man most days on killies, squid and sand eels. Best areas are the Lighthouse and Snake Hill Channel.

Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen** told us that fishing has gradually been improving despite the weather. There have been a couple of slow days, but on most between 50 and 100 fluke have been taken. The fish can be found throughout the inlet from the Lighthouse west, with the best activity from the Lighthouse to Robert Moses Bridge around the change of tide. Plain killies appear to be producing best, particularly around the slack water periods. The fish are good sized with very few throwbacks and average 1½ to 2½ lbs. Gordon said a couple of afternoon trips were the best in a month. On Saturday, for example, only a few fishermen were aboard and they took 80 fluke in the nice weather.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty** told us that it was a very good week for both the fluke and night bluefishing. The fluke fishing is still improving and between 50 and 60 fish are being taken a trip. They are all decent 2 to 3 lb. fish and the best action has been the last of the flood and the beginning of the ebb, down around the inlet area. Bluefishing has been very good and during the week big fish ranging from 8 to 17 lbs. were being taken every night in 110 ft. of water off Patchogue Beach. A school of smaller fish in the 2-4 lb. class were found close by the inlet on Saturday and it was a massacre. Fishing around Point of Woods between 700 and 800 fish were put on the boat with many

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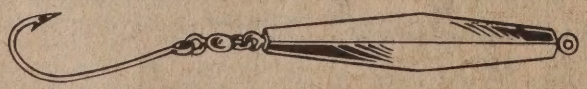

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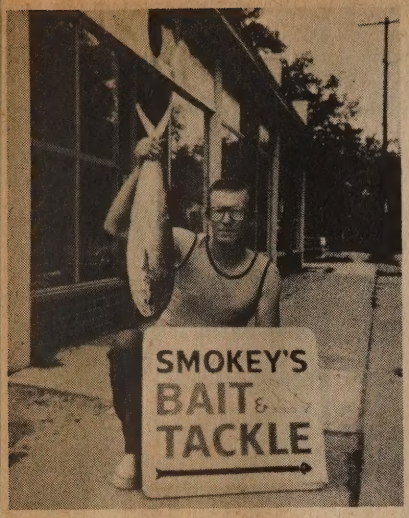

This 6½ lb. dolphin took green and yellow feathers in 120 ft. of water. Photo courtesy of Smokey's Bait and Tackle.

anglers having between 20 and 40 fish each.

BABYLON

Bill at **Babylon Fishing Station** said that during this past week the fishing picked up remarkably, with the fluke moving into Snakehill Channel. Killies or sand eel and squid combos are producing best there around the high tide. On Sunday, Brian and Judy Kenny had 9 keepers to 19 inches. Snappers are all over the place, but they are still small. Bluefish can be found just about anywhere offshore and some nice tuna have been taken trolling cedar jigs and feathers in 140 ft. of water. John Suss took 6 tuna up to 48 lbs., trolling Jet Lures in 110 ft. of water SE of the inlet.

Mario of the **Hi-Hook Fishing Station** reported that fishing has been pretty good for fluke up to 3½ lbs. at the Coast Guard Station and in the State Channel. They have been taking virtually all types of bait on the top of the incoming. Once again, snappers are all over the place.

SOUTH SHORE BAYS

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LINDENHURST

John at **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** told us that plenty of tuna are being taken 140° from Fire Island Inlet in 100 to 120 ft. of water. The action for these fish are 14 lbs. and up, has been trolling whale bone jigs, cedar jigs, and feathers of almost any size or color. Snappers are all over the place. Charlie said that it appears that a new body of fluke came into the bay during the week and anglers have been doing very well with them. Blueclaw crabs are starting to show in the bay and back canals. There's not many of them yet, but it's a good start. Very spotty fishing for both striped bass and weakfish, but there's a load of sea bass and porgies outside on the artificial reef and they're huge. Many of the sea bass are in the 3-4 lb. class and the porgies are all 2 lbers. Charlie also said that it seems that the shark fishing may have died down a little.

COPIAGUE

Larry from **Bait and Tackle Unlimited** called to say porgies, weaks and blues at the Copiague Hole along with some fluke. Weaks at the Sore Thumb and off the Lighthouse on live snappers and white tubes. Snappers everywhere on spearing and small tins. Blues in abundance in the FI Inlet and half mile south of the Whistler. Stripers at the Robert Moses bridge on live eels and tuna in 60 ft. of water SE of the Lighthouse along with bonito. Crabs in the flats off Amityville and Tanner Park.

AMITYVILLE

Bobby at **George Combs Bait and Tackle** confirmed the good tuna fishing offshore. Henry Palumbo has a new 41' Hatteras the "Laura Lorraine." He and Tony Gaffne fished in 165' of water last Sunday and caught 18 bonito and tuna ranging from 7 to 45 lbs. on Jet lures. They also bagged a 29 lb. 8 oz. dolphin on mackerel bait. Bluefishing has been good outside FI Inlet with a few bonito thrown in. Fluke fishing has really picked up in the FI inlet and the best bait to use for them is small tinker mackerel, which George has a frozen supply of on hand.

MERRICK

scott at **Merrick Marine Tackle Center** said that there are plenty of snappers in the bay taking small spearing and teensy-weensie artificials like the Johnson Sprite. Fluke fishing is good in both Reynolds Channel and in Jones Inlet area on any moving tide. Tuna, albacore and bonito are being trolled on feathers and cedar jigs in water 110 ft. and out. They are also a lot of mako and blue sharks in the same general area.

BALDWIN

Andy at **Arthur Street Fishing Station** told us that Mike Sullivan, Richie and James Catabiani and Carl Trotta landed their first mako shark on Sunday. It weighed 100 lbs. and they also had some blue sharks. Fluke fishing picked up on the weekend in Reynolds Channel between buoys 14 and 17. Andy said that he had heard of an 11 lb. doormat being taken. The crabbing is improving and one boat came back with 2 doz. nice blueclaws taken in Middle Bay.

Bernie Ross, Jim Shaw and Bob Lott display this 135 lb. mako which was part of a catch that included many bluefish.

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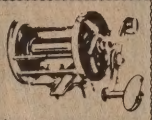

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FREEPORT

Capt. Richie of the **Starstream II** reports good bluefishing over the weekend. On Thursday the boat fished east off of Patchogue where at least 500 giant bluefish in the 8 to 17 lb. class were boated. The fish were hitting anything thrown at them and at least as many fish were lost as were boated. On Friday, the fishing slowed in the area, but catches on the boat were 150 nice bluefish from 8 to 17 lbs. On Saturday, the boat fished southeast of the inlet. The day fishing here was slow, but the boat had a super catch when they returned for night fishing.

Capt. Mike Miller of the charter boat **Apus** told us that bluefishing remained good all week in 75' of water south of Jones Inlet. Many large fish were taken on the troll, and on Saturday, Jack Loffey and Dan Hefferman had 22 bluefish and an uncommon 8 lb. Spanish mackerel. These fish were taken 150° from Jones Inlet in only 60' of water. On Sunday, Dr. Pearson, a regular customer who flies in from Ohio to fish our waters, managed 35 bluefish ranging from 2 to 11 lbs. and one 9 lb. weakfish. Most of these fish were taken off Long Beach, trolling in 45 ft. of water. Mike told us that he still has a few open dates for midweek in August and September.

Capt. Dave of the charter boat **The Rogue** said that on last Wednesday's charter, Dr. Gene Kaplan caught a 200 lb. brown shark from which he took 2 pints of blood for further studies. On Friday, the charter loaded up the boat with skipjack tuna, six dolphin 5 to 6 lbs., and two mako

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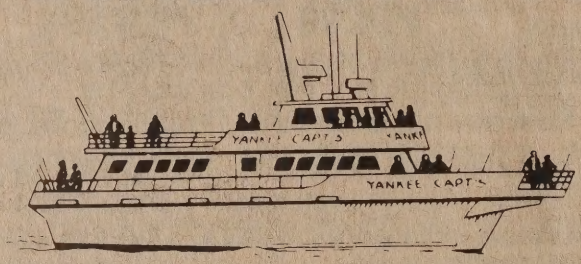

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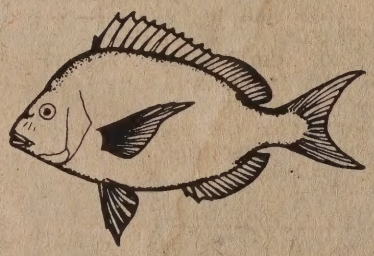

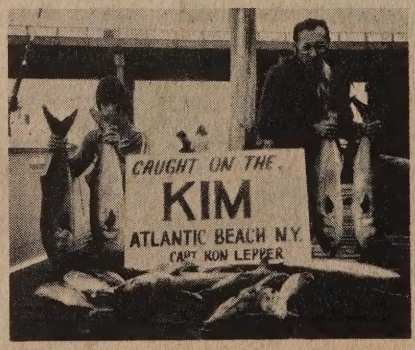

Don Honigstock and Dave Honigstock took blues from 14-18 lbs., bonito, tuna and tagged 3 sharks fishing aboard the 'Kim' out of Atlantic Beach.

sharks of 120 and 130 lbs. respectively. They were fishing 15 miles south of the HA buoy. During the week, Tracy Lehrer hauled up a 10½ lb. fluke on a snapper bait drifted right off the radio tower in Jones Inlet. Dave told us that he still has a few open dates for shark and bluefishing, so give him a call.

Charlie Adams of the **Bluefin** fished locally in the inlet area for fluke and had over 70 keepers. The pool went to Karen Kurley of Hicksville with a 6½ lbr. John Tramposch and Ed Kienzie were tied for hi hook with 12 nice fluke apiece. On Saturday and Sunday, Sy Karlin of the **Blue Fin II** fished the Seabright area. On Saturday night, Roger Patane of Staten Island was high hook and pool winner with 19 bluefish from 4 to 6 lbs. Average catch has been at least 10 fish per person. Sunday was a repeat of the day before with the action running a little slower in the afternoon.

Capt. Mike Danon of the **Capt. Lou II** called to report that fluke fishing has been good throughout the week. Most fish range from 3-4½ lbs. with some in the 5 lb. class and are taking killie and sand eel combos.

The **Aloma II** reports good fluke fishing in Jones Inlet. Catches are averging 3 to 8 fish per man from 3 to 5 lbs., with sand eels being the best bait. The first bluefish trip for steady customers was fully booked, so a second date has been made September 8 at 7 PM. The cost is $18 per person, reservations only.

Capt. Walter Scott on the **Acme II** reports that Howard and Paul Abrams and guests of Rockville Center made one of their annual bluefish trips on Wednesday. They fished south of Jones Inlet and chummed up blues from 8 to 15 lbs. on light tackle, and lost over 100 fish because of it. Capt. Walter said it was a great sight to see real sportsmen work over these alligator blues on light tackle.

Capt. Bill Venezia of the **Ivory Queen** reports that Howard Katz had 15 blues up to 12 lbs., fishing south of the Jones Tower on Saturday. On Sunday, Butch Jaeger and party took three tuna to 35 lbs., nine skipjacks and one dusky shark which was tagged and released.

Sea Isle Sports reports tuna, bonito and skipjack are being taken at the HA buoy trolling red and white or black and white feathers, Jet Lures and cedar plugs. Bluefish are plentiful in 60 ft. of water at Cholera and can be taken on trolled umbrella rigs. Small blues can be taken in late afternoon and early evening casting popping plugs in Jones Inlet. Fluke fishing is improving in the inlet and these fish are taking sand eel, spearing, live snappers and tinker mackerel. Weakfish are being picked up at night at the bridges on sand worms and tinker mackerel.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed's Fishing Station reports that

fluke fishing is picking up quite a bit despite the bad weather. Trolling the flats produced 20 to 25 fish for some anglers and some good fishing can also be found at buoys 18 and 19. Best baits are sand eels, killies and squid. Blackfishing is still good at the Meadowbrook Bridge and some weakfish are also being picked up. Small bluefish are still being jigged at the mouth of the inlet and tuna are being taken offshore in 130 ft. of water.

ISLAND PARK

The **Commodore** reports that fluke action has picked up in the bay and in the inlet. Over the weekend seandeels and spearing took 8 to 10 fish per person averaging 4 to 5 pounds. A few big weakfish and sand porgies are beginning to show and have been added to catches taken.

Beckmann's Tackle reports that giant bluefish up to 20 lbs. are hitting anything and everything at the Atlantic Beach Bridge and to Debs Inlet. Fluke fishing is improving with fish up to 3½ lbs. being taken at Duck Point, Reynold's Channel and in Jones Inlet. Snappers are all over the area and are small in size, but growing fast. On Thursday and Friday, bonito to 10 lbs. were taken on umbrella rigs in Jones Inlet between the jetty and the gong buoy.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Henning's Fishing Station reports good fluke fishing during the incoming tide in the inlet on sand eel, spearing and squid. The bay is full of bluefish from 1½ to 2 lbs, which can be taken on jigs. Weakfish up to 12½ lbs. are hitting umbrellas at the Tin Can Grounds and at the Playland. There are some bluefish mixed in with these fish. Tinker mackerel are in the bay and snappers are beginning to show. The HA buoy is producing some tuna and a small dolphin of 2 to 3 lbs. was taken over the weekend. Some bass are being picked up at night at the Atlantic Beach Bridge on live bunker.

LONG BEACH

Long Beach Sports Marina reports that fluke up to 5 lbs. are being taken at Duck Point and at the cement block across from the Lyndell School. These fish are taking sand eels/squid and killie/squid combos. Bluefish are being taken off the Rockaways on bunker, jigs and umbrellas. These fish are running up to 5 lbs. Bluefish up to 8 lbs. can be found offshore and can be taken on umbrellas. Snappers are being taken off town docks.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The **Big Mohawk II** reports that on Friday the Fulton Lounge Fishing Club of Brooklyn took 357 bluefish from 4-6 lbs. for the 20 passengers. These fish took smelt bait. Saturday morning, Papoo's Lounge of N.Y.C. fished the same area and took 237 blues in the 2-6 lb. range. Andrea was high hook with 22 fish and George Strom took the pool with a bluefish of 9 lbs. Saturday night, a party headed by Tony Goluch took 350 bluefish off Seabright on bait. On Sunday, the boat fished off Seabright with the Shelton Fishing Club headed by Bob Hassee. Average catch ran 15 to 25 fish per person and the boat totaled 267 bluefish.

The **Dorothy B** reports good fluke fishing at Sandy Hook during the past week, the weekend ran a little slower. Catches during the week ran 12 to 15 fish per person with plenty of the fish running in the 4-5 lb. range. Night bluefishing has been fantastic off of Seabright where plenty of fish from 2 to 10 lbs. hit smelt and bunker bait.

The **Zephyr** reports good porgy fishing at the Tin Can Grounds and off of Seabright. On Saturday the boat averaged 15 to 20 fish with plenty of large porgies being taken. On Sunday the boat enjoyed an all day pick with porgies up to 2 lb. being taken along with a few seabass and blackfish. Catches ran 15 to 30 fish per person.

The **Pilot II** has been enjoying good porgy fishing at the Tin Can Grounds and off of the Jersey Coast. The fish have been running from ½ to 2 lbs. and pool fish of 3 pounds have been taken. On Thursday high hook took 107 porgies from ¼ to 2 lbs. A few seabass and blackfish have been mixed in with the catches

Capt. Stan of the **Babe** out of Parkway Fishing Station had Bernard Savage and Co., four men and sons, fishing off Seabright chumming for blues. Fish up to 12 lbs. were caught with a total of 56 taken home. Despite the sloppy weather in the beginning, it turned out to be a pretty good weekend.

Capt. Tom Paladino of the **Elsie K III** from Tamaqua Fishing Station in Gerritsen Beach called to say that the fluke fishing has been very good at Sandy Hook, with keepers up to 8 lbs. being taken.

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Santo's Sport Shop reports that weakfish are being trolled with red and green Bananas at Chapel Hill Channel. This is a steady pick of fish from 6 to 10 lbs. Buoy 21 at VZ Bridge is producing 6-8 lb. weakfish on sand worms with 8 to 10 lb. bluefish mixed in. Buoys 20 and 35 in Princess Bay are producing small weakfish from 4 to 6 lbs. and blues up to 3 lbs., on bait and red and green Lancers. Fluke are taking squid and sand eels from South Beach to Hoffman's Island. Bluefish are being taken from the surf at piers 8, 17 and 18. These fish are taking small whole bunker during the last two hours of outgoing and are ranging from 10 to 14 lbs. Fort Wadsworth and South Beach is producing bluefish from 8 to 10 lbs. and a few

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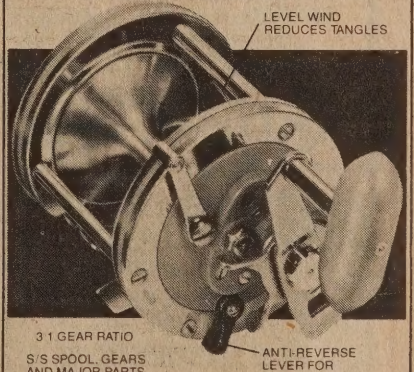

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FLUKE

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your position. This allows the bait to cover a larger area in search of a hungry fluke, which is otherwise difficult when fishing from a stationary structure. The same chumming techniques may also be employed effectively.

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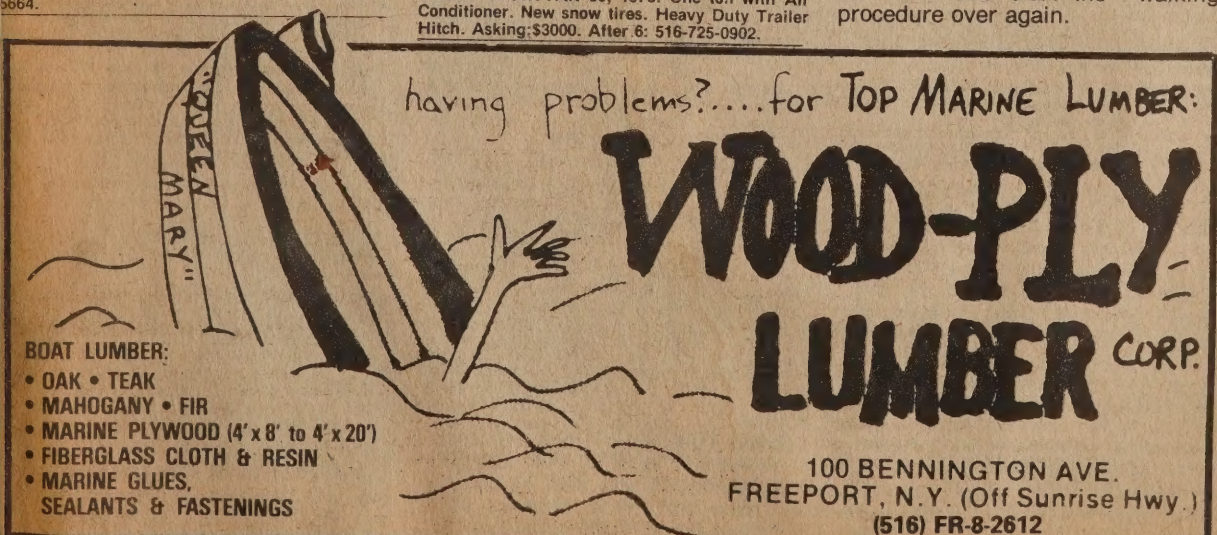

George Bruno took this 10 lb. 15 oz. bluefish fishing bunker bait at South Beach. Photo courtesy of Santo's Sport Shop.

weakfish from 6-8 lbs. on bunker bait. There is a slow pick of fluke, porgies and snappers off the storm sewer at South Beach. A showing of small bluefish up to 3 lbs. and fluke at Great Kills Park. These fish are being taken on bait. Blueclaw crabs, porgies and snapper blues are being taken in Great Kills Harbor. Nights have been producing weakfish from 8 to 10 lbs. on whole bunker in Great Kills Harbor.

PECONICS & GARDINERS

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PORGIES

GREENPORT

The **Wilhelric II** reports excellent porgy fishing over the weekend. Richard Coleman was high hook on Saturday with 79 porgies averaging 1 pound. On Sunday the fishing was better with plenty of 5 gallon pails being fulled. Quite a few big seabass have been mixed in with catches.

George Porter of the **Brand x** reports that porgy fishing has been red hot all week and weekend despite the weather. Medium and jumbo porgies are being taken off Gardiners and Fishers Island along with a few blacks and an occastional fluke or seabass. Bluefishing has been fantastic in the Race during the ebb tide. These fish are running 12 pounds and up and are taking everything including bait and diamond jigs.

AP White Bait Shop reports great porgy fishing at both Fisher and Gardiner's Island. Bluefish from 6 to 9 pounds are being picked up in the Race on diamond jigs and bunker. Fluke fishing has been exceptional east of the Ruins, at Gardiner's Island, Truman's Beach, and Pettys Bight. Fish are ranging from 3 to 8 lbs. and are taking sand eels, shinners and squid. Blackfish from 3 to 6 lbs. can be found along the Sound Shore and at Gull and Plum Island.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt reported lots of porgies in the bay by buoy 17 and the South Ferry. About two hours before high tide some boats have been getting two to four pound blues at Jessups Neck. Out in the Sound there's bigger porgies at Pettys Bight. Blacks to 7 pounds at the Orient Light.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports very good porgy fishing at both Nassau Point and at the South Race on clams and worms. Weakfish averaging 3 lbs. are taking sand worms south of the buoy at Nassau Point. Kingfish are taking clams and worms in the Roses Grove Area and in the North Race. These fish are running from 12 to 18 inches.

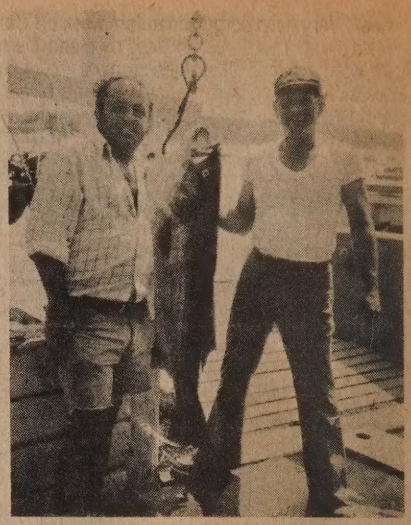
AQUEBOGUE

Warrens Tackle Center reported the blues were around over the weekend but not in the numbers of the weekdays. Best bet for fish around 7 pounds were off the Northville docks. Umbrellas did most of the damage. Along the beaches a few bass are being taken in the evening fishing worms on the bottom. Porgies and blacks are steady but no earth shaking reports. Fellow fishing Plum Gut for bass say the going is slow. A fish here and there but that's it. Maybe the upcoming full moon will perk things up. In the daytime some of the Ct. boats have been taking blues in the Gut because the Race is too crowded. The bay is pretty quiet. Some porgies here and there and a couple summer weaks in the South Race.

NOYAC

Speck's Bait & Tackle reports that snappers are hungry and active in the back bays. Fluke can be taken in the East and West Channels on Shinnecock Bay on sandeels and squid. Bluefish from 1 to 4 lbs. can be taken on tins in Shinnecock Bay, Inlet, Petty Creek, at the Nationals, and off Jessups. B. McKinnon fished off Three Mile Harbor with bloodworms and took 82 flounder.

Fred Krokus of The Bronx fished just east of the Orient Point Station and took 13 fluke to 6½ lbs. Photo courtesy of Port of Egypt Fishing Station.



Frank Bruno with a 40¾ lb. striped bass taken on an umbrella rig at Crane's Neck. Photo courtesy of Mae's Way Fishing Station.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

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BLUEFISH

ROCKY POINT

The Rocky Point Fishing Stop reports that bluefish in the 3 to 5 pound range can be taken all over the area with anything you throw at them. Fluke fishing has been consistent at Buoy 5. These fish are averaging 4 lbs. with the bigger fish taking tinker mackerel bait. Weakfishing has slowed in the area. Snappers had reached catching size and can be taken in the harbors. Porgy fishing has been good from Cedar Beach to Shoreham on worms.

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Ralph's Fishing Station reports that blues from 6 to 8 lbs. are being trolled on umbrellas off of Buoy 9. Weakfishing has been spotty with some fish being taken on jigs or squid. Nice size porgies can be taken straight off the harbor on worms and tinker mackerel and snappers can be found in the bay.

PORT JEFFERSON

Port Jeff Sports reports that bluefish from 3 to 4 lbs. are being taken on small plugs from the Miller Place Surf. Some weakfish are mixed in with bluefish catches from buoy 9 and 11. Snappers can be found along the beach in this area.

Caraftis Fishing Station reported some good action last week with blues trolling wire and umbrellas. The overcast skies of the past week have been a boom to bluefishing since the fish feed all day long instead of stopping once the sun gets up. Catches of 156 fish were made last

week. Very good porgy action last week off Old Field Point. There's school bass here and there for worm trollers. The blues on more than one occasion have pushed the large schools of bait on to the beach on a rising tide in the early morning and late evening, giving surfcasters some fishing they normally don't get until the fall. Most of the blues are 1½ to 3 pounds. Weaks are still around but not in the numbers of July. Fluke can be had-not in great numbers-but the fishing is better than most spots.

KINGS PARK

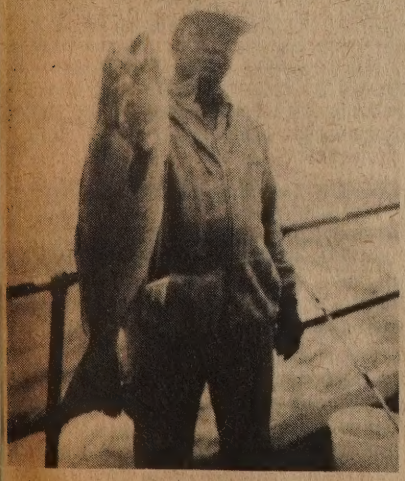
Maes Way Fishing Station reports that Sal Paul and Sophie Bruno fished off the mouth of the river on Sunday with popping plugs and took 100 bluefish averaging 2 lbs. Joe Argiro and Jude Grouin trolled the area with umbrellas and took 40 bluefish on Friday and 30 to 35 on Saturday. Charlie Savvas fished off Crane's Neck with worms and clams and took 2 bushels of porgies averaging 1 lb.

NORTHPORT

Bowman's Sporting Goods reports that on Friday evening Mark Jones took a 11 lb. 12 oz bluefish on an umbrella rig at the Obstruction Buoy. Bluefish in the 5 to 6 lb. range are being trolled and jigged off of Eatons Neck at the Obstruction Buoy and at Buoy 15. Tinker mackerel and snappers can be caught off the town docks. Small porgies can be taken on sand worms in both the sound and harbor. Bass and weakfish action was spotty over the weekend.

HUNTINGTON

Four Winds Tackle reports super bluefishing at Buoy 13 and at the Obstruction Buoy off Eatons Neck with fish running up to 15 lbs. Buoy 15 off of Diamond Point is producing 3 to 6 lb. bluefish and 6 to 10 lb. weakfish. This fishing is being done with white and green umbrellas, diamond jigs, and Scotty rigs. Some bass have been taken in the early morning off Buoy 13 at Eatons Neck on black umbrella rigs. Porgies can be found in the Marshall Field area from Buoys 8 to 2. Big fluke from 5 to 8 lbs. are being taken off of Diamond Point. There are not a lot of fish



Jimmy Lane caught this 10 lb. weakfish aboard the City Island party boat "Ebb Tide."

Betsy Curth took this 22 lb. 8 oz. striped bass on a mackerel chunk off of Eaton's Neck aboard the High Life. Photo courtesy of Four Winds Tackle.

with averaged catches running 2 to 4 fish per person. Snappers and tinker mackerel are being picked up at local docks.

Tony Chiarello of the **Foxy Lady** reported that bluefishing remains strong this past week in the Sound with many fish running over 10 lbs. Frank Jaegger took a 19 lb. striped bass on a umbrella rig fishing off of Whitewood Point.

Capt. Don of the **Ever Ready Fleet** called to say on Saturday in the pouring rain Steve Heartman won the pool with a 13 lb. blue while Len Reis of Little Neck had the largest blue on Sunday's run, a 12 pounder. Capt. Don said the fish appear to be getting larger and would highly recommend the Ava 27s be used.

NORTH SHORE WEST END

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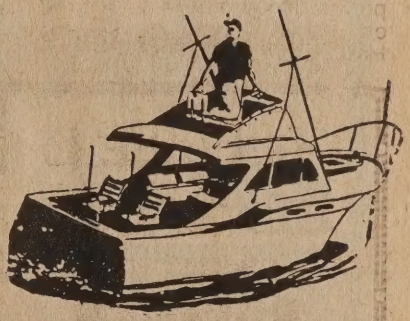
CITY ISLAND

Jacks Tackle Shop reported some big blues were taken from the 1st and 2nd jetties along Orchard Beach Sunday and Monday morning. On Sunday Jack weighed in fish to 13 pounds. On Monday one fellow came in with three fish and stories of two breakoffs. Bunker fished on the bottom did the damage. Plenty of small snappers. Fellows are taking them off the floating docks on little Sidewinder lures. Plenty of bass around Harts Island but nothing over 14 pounds. Porgies and Execution Light and bluefishing in the western Sound is still good.



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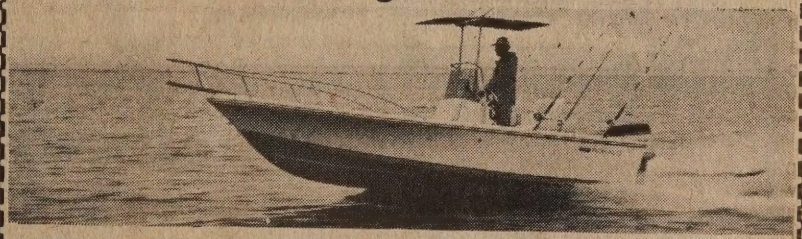

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them for our readers interest and/or amusement.

All of the above, however, is now past history and we could have forgiven the Governor his errors if he were to change his ways with this years nominees. Readers will remember that in our campaign to have a sportfishing representative seated on the Council, we asked that you request that the Governor place my name at the head of his list of nominees to show it as being his preference. (At this point the reason for my candidacy should be noted. While Doctor Muller had received the enthusiastic support of individual fishermen, it was felt I might receive wider support from the sportfishing industry, possibly making me a stronger candidate. To show a united front, the letter writing campaign was centered around my nomination. But Doc was also put up for nomination, and was on the Governors list of nominees sent to Washington.)

There were two lists of nominees sent by Governor Carey to the Commerce Department to fill the two terms that had expired. My name appeared on both lists, while Doc's appeared on the list for the seat held by Nancy Goell. The Governor's office read off the list of nominees to our Sag Harbor office, and the names were in alphabetical order. We asked what order of preference the names were given, and were told no preference was given. We called again a few days later, and once again were told by an aide to the Governor that there wasn't any preference given. We asked for a copy of the official press release and were told that there wasn't any such release. We asked in what manner were the names listed and were told that they were only listed in alphabetical order. This coincided with the fact that the lists of nominees read over the phone to us previously were given alphabetically. When we pointed out that this meant that Nancy Goell's name appeared at the head of the list and may be misinterpreted as showing preference, we were assured that the Department of Commerce would understand that there was no preference suggested due to the alphabetical listing.

And now comes the sting. When we asked Congressman Norman F. Lent to make an inquiry into Ms. Goell's blatant reappointment in light of all the aforementioned, he told us that Commerce's response was that her name was the top choice of Governor Carey. Upon learning this we quickly called Commerce and told them that the names were in alphabetical order and weren't meant to show preference. The spokesmen insisted that the names were listed preferentially, and after much heated discussion on our part to the contrary, we finally asked to have Governor Carey's official correspondance listing the nominees read to us, which he obligingly did. We haven't received our requested copy at the time we went to press with this issue, but the context of the letter was: "My list of nominees, in order of preference, are:" Then the two lists appeared, but **not** in alphabetical order any longer. While Nancy Goell's name still remained at the head of the list, my name suddenly jumped from fifth place to second on both lists! So the Governor handed out one list to appease the sportfishermen, while sending a second "secret" list to Washington.

So in short: Governor Carey blatantly lied. And worse, he did not respond to the outraged demands of New York's 2.3 million sportfishermen, Long Island's 1.2 billion dollar sportfishing and boating industry, nor the endorsements received by constituent demands on local, state and federal legislatures up to and including Congressmen Norman F. Lent, Thomas Downey and Senator Patrick Moynihan. The old joke "what do you have to do to get elected around this joint" has taken on new meaning in New York State, we're sad to say: being tight with Judith Hope seems to be the ticket.

In the final analysis, one can only wonder how Governor Carey, in the midst of a heated gubernatorial campaign that he appears to be losing badly, expects to win the vote of the millions of sportfishermen in New York State. Perhaps he is going to go the route he took with Southern State Parkway commuters, and start erecting hand-painted signs on our waterways that say **"HAVE A GOOD DAY FISHING & TIGHT LINES!** Courtesy of Governor Hugh Carey." If he does, we have a few other signs we would like to see erected, all with the non-political tag line "Courtesy of Hugh Carey." Signs like:

"SORRY, NO LAUNCH RAMPS! ***Courtesy of Gov. Hugh Carey."***
"NO 26" BASS BILL! ***Courtesy of Gov. Hugh Carey."***
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"INCREASED MOTORBOAT LICENSE FEES!" ***Courtesy of Gov. Carey."***
"SALTWATER FISHING LICENSE! ***Courtesy of Gov. Hugh Carey."***
"MAKE BELIEVE FISHING REEF! ***Courtesy of Gov. Hugh Carey."***

We can go on forever, but the point has been made. Perhaps the Governor would like to respond to this Editorial, but we doubt it. But if he does respond, we request that he do so in writing...his track record on the telephone requires electronic surveillance equipment that we don't have legal access to. And we want to make certain this time that what he says will come out the same each time he says it.

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR.	7:29	7:53	8:09	8:36	8:05	8:27	8:55	9:17	11:12	11:31	10:47	11:11	7:18	7:44	8/17
FRI.	8:21	8:43	9:02	9:26	8:57	9:18	9:46	10:09	—	12:05	11:40	—	8:10	8:33	8/18
SAT.	9:09	9:31	9:54	10:17	9:49	10:08	10:36	11:01	12:24	12:55	12:03	12:31	9:00	9:23	8/19
SUN.	9:58	10:20	10:44	11:07	10:42	11:00	11:28	11:51	1:15	1:42	12:55	1:22	9:49	10:11	8/20
MON.	10:47	11:09	11:36	11:55	11:34	11:53	—	12:20	2:06	2:30	1:45	2:12	10:39	11:01	8/21
TUE.	11:39	11:58	—	12:26	—	12:26	12:44	1:13	2:53	3:20	2:36	3:03	11:28	11:51	8/22
WED.	—	12:28	12:47	1:19	12:46	1:17	1:38	2:08	3:48	4:13	3:29	3:55	—	12:21	8/23
THUR.	12:49	1:18	1:42	2:15	1:36	2:08	2:35	3:04	4:47	5:14	4:25	4:50	12:42	1:15	8/24

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	+ 0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

8/4	5:56	8:15
8/9	6:01	8:09
8/14	6:06	8:02
8/19	6:12	7:55
8/24	6:17	7:47
8/29	6:22	7:39

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
8/4	8/11	8/18	8/25

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	3:45	**10:40**	4:20	**11:10**
Fri.	4:50	**11:40**	5:25	—
Sat.	5:50	**12:10**	6:25	**12:30**
Sun.	6:40	**1:10**	7:20	**1:40**
Mon.	7:55	**2:10**	8:20	**2:35**
Tues.	8:55	**3:00**	9:10	**3:25**
Wed.	9:40	**3:55**	10:05	**4:20**
Thurs.	10:35	**4:50**	11:00	**5:10**

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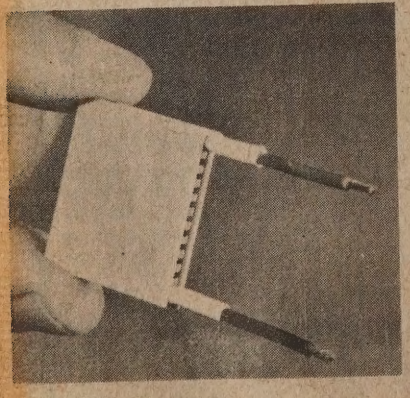

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